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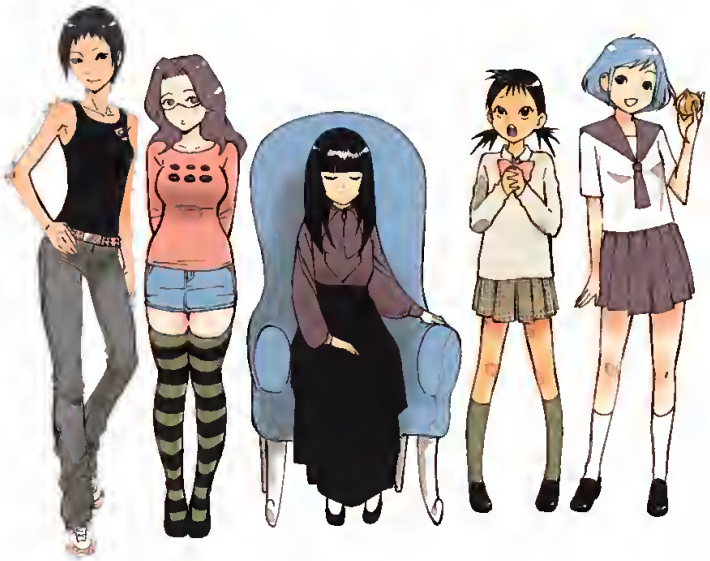

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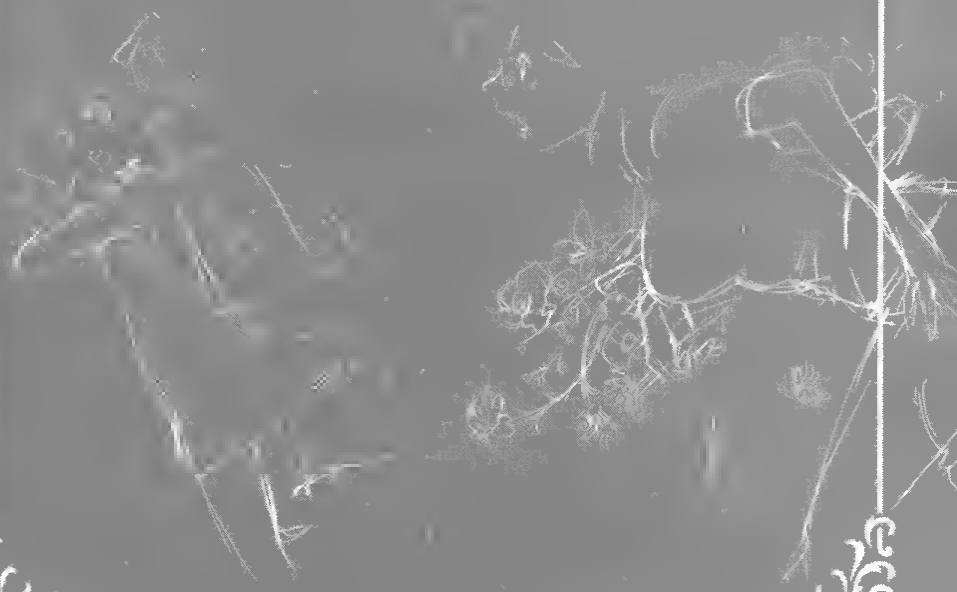


NEET Woman and 2nd Grader

MY NAME IS TSUDA YASUE, AGE 19
TECHN-ICALLY A COLLEGE STUDENT,
BUT REALLY A NEET.

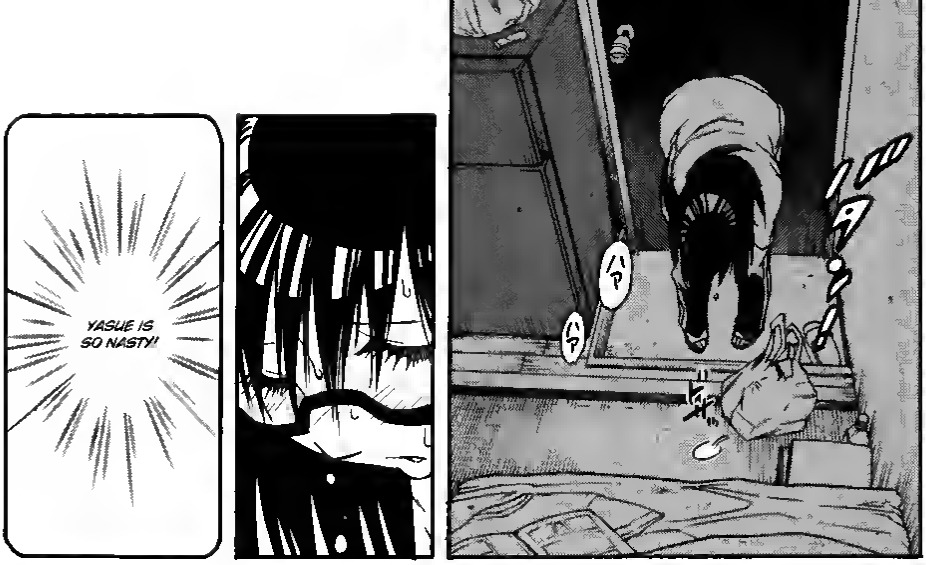
……?
I CAN HEAR SOMEONE CRYING...
Sniff
Sniff
THERE WAS A 2ND GRADER CRYING OUTSIDE.
THINKING BACK, I'M NOT SURE WHAT MY MOTIVATION WAS, BUT...
I INVITED HER INSIDE TO TRY TO CHEER HER UP.
Sniff
Sniff

DO YOU LIKE RICE OMELETTES?
YEAH, THEY'RE MY MOM'S SPECIALTY.
SHE SAID SHE WAS HUNGRY, SO I MADE HER A RICE OMELETTE.
HOW MANY MONTHS HAD IT BEEN SINCE I ACTUALLY COOKED SOMETHING?
Her request
……
HEY, UM, MIMIKA-CHAN?
AREN'T YOUR PARENTS WORRIED ABOUT YOU?
THIS IS AWKWARD..

I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.
.....
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE TALKED WITH ANYONE
MAYBE SHE'S IN TROUBLE WITH HER PARENTS
I AVOIDED ASKING HER WHY AND SHOWED HER OUT.

TAKING OUT THE TRASH AND SHOPPING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
TRYING TO AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE.
I RETURNED TO MY DAILY ROUTINE.

HAHA,
SO GROSS.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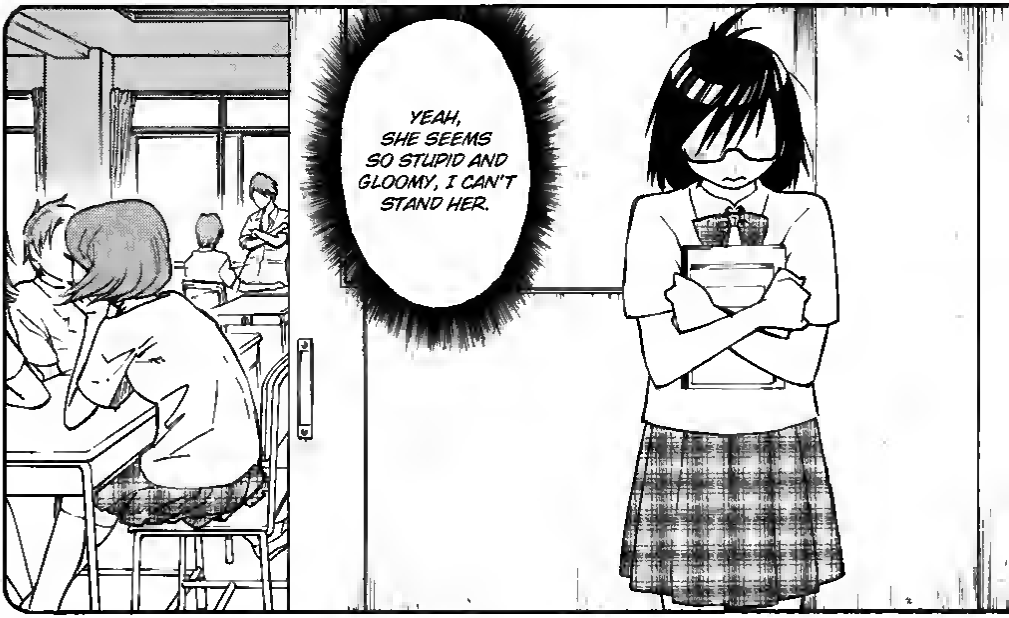
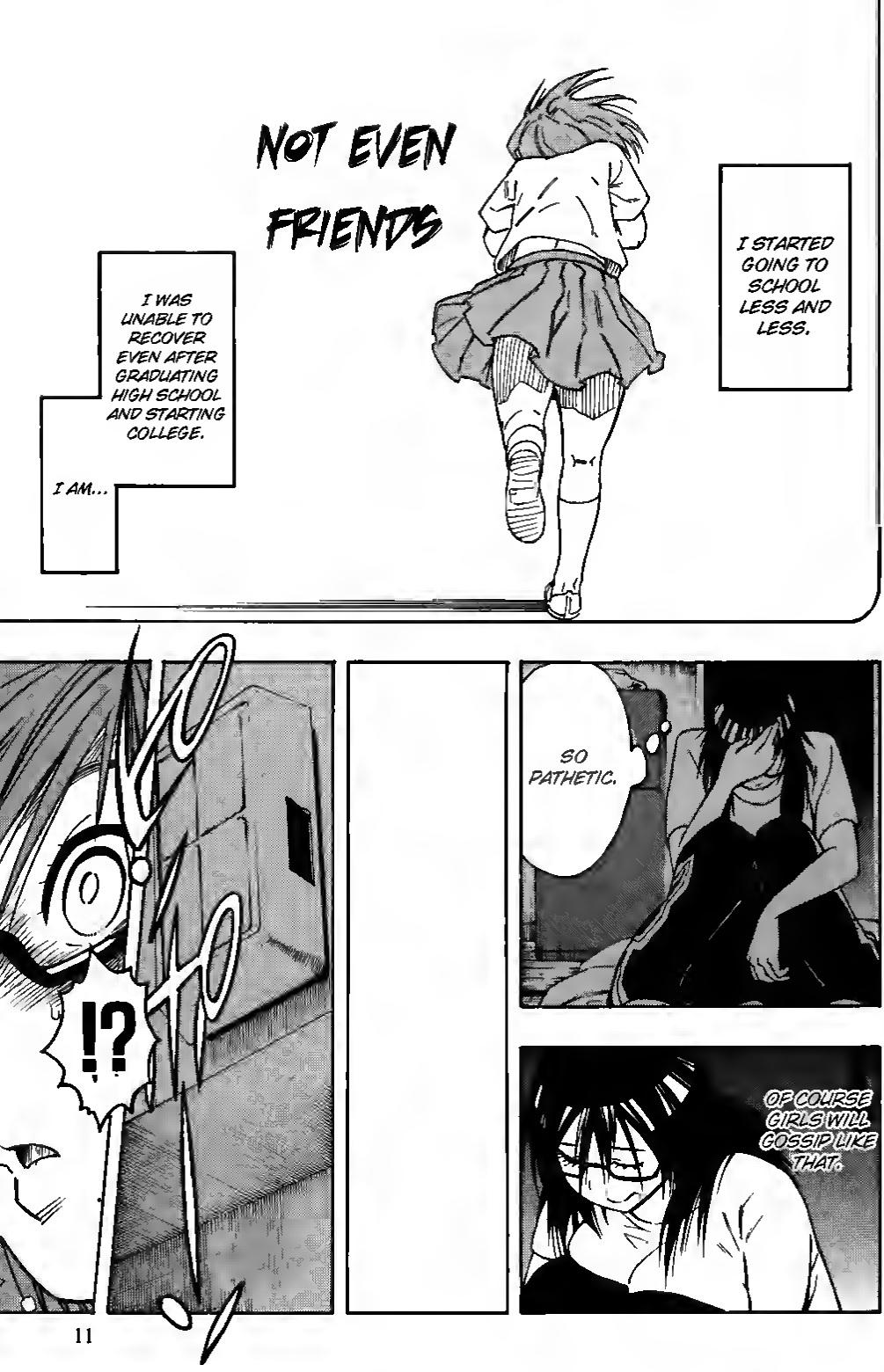
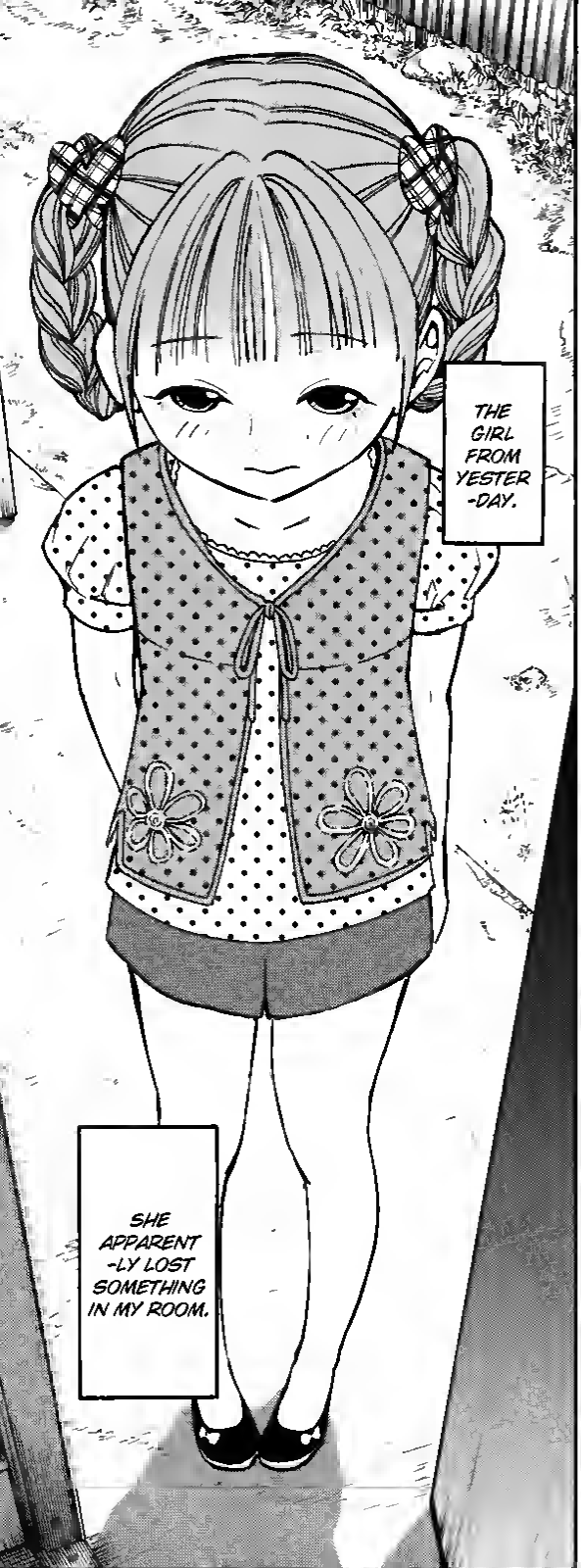

YEAH, SHE SEEMS SO STUPID AND GLOOMY, I CAN'T STAND HER.

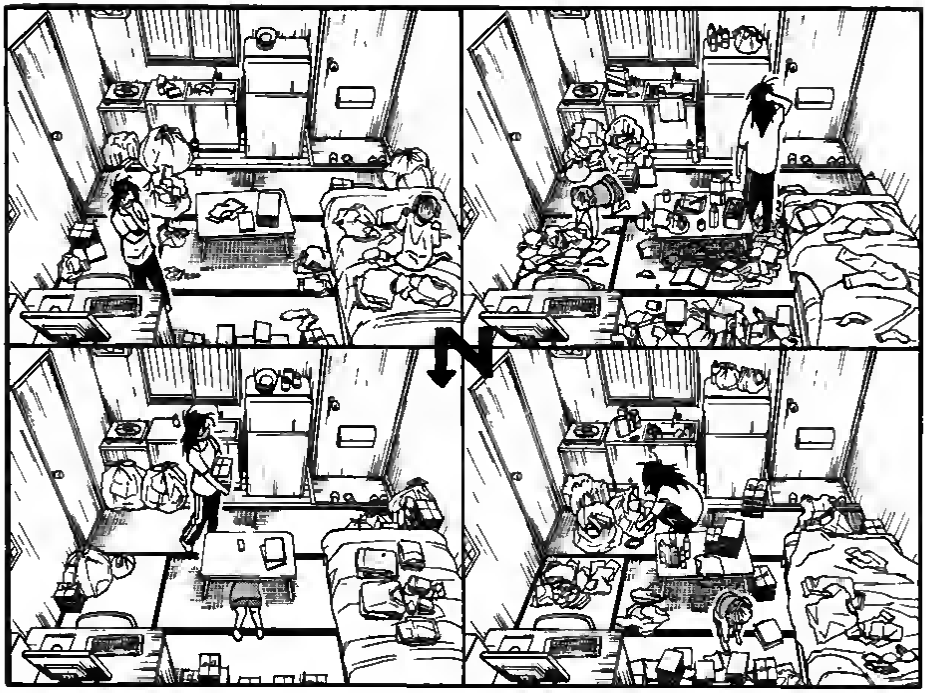
WE'RE NOT EVEN FRIENDS.

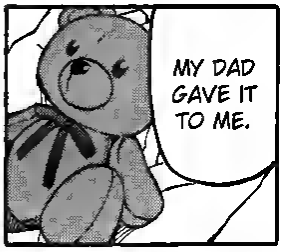

NOT EVEN FRIENDS
I STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL LESS AND LESS.
I WAS UNABLE TO RECOVER EVEN AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND STARTING COLLEGE.
I AM...
!?
SO PATHETIC.
OF COURSE GIRLS WILL GOSSIP LIKE THAT.

!?
WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS TIME?!
WHO?!


THE GIRL FROM YESTER -DAY.
SHE APPARENT -LY LOST SOMETHING IN MY ROOM.

ONEE-CHAN, ARE YOU THERE?

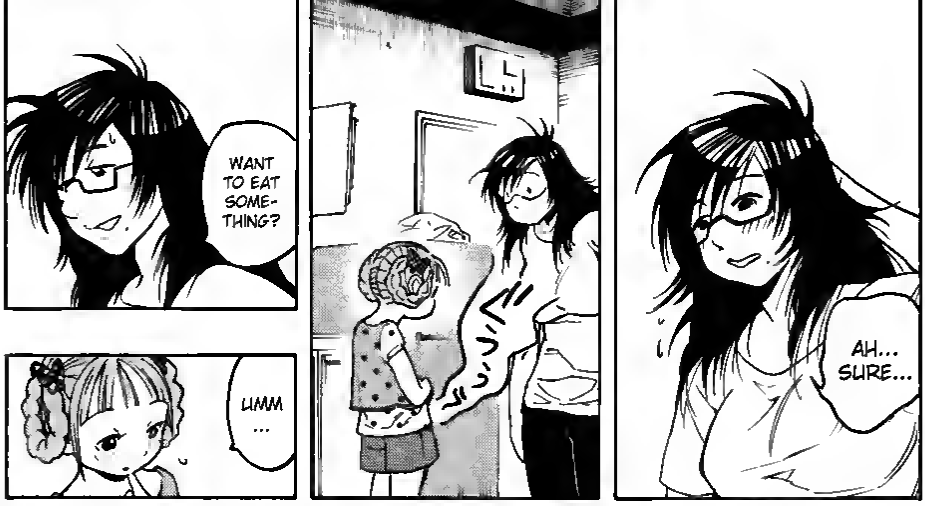



MY DAD GAVE IT TO ME.

THANKS, ONEE-CHAN!

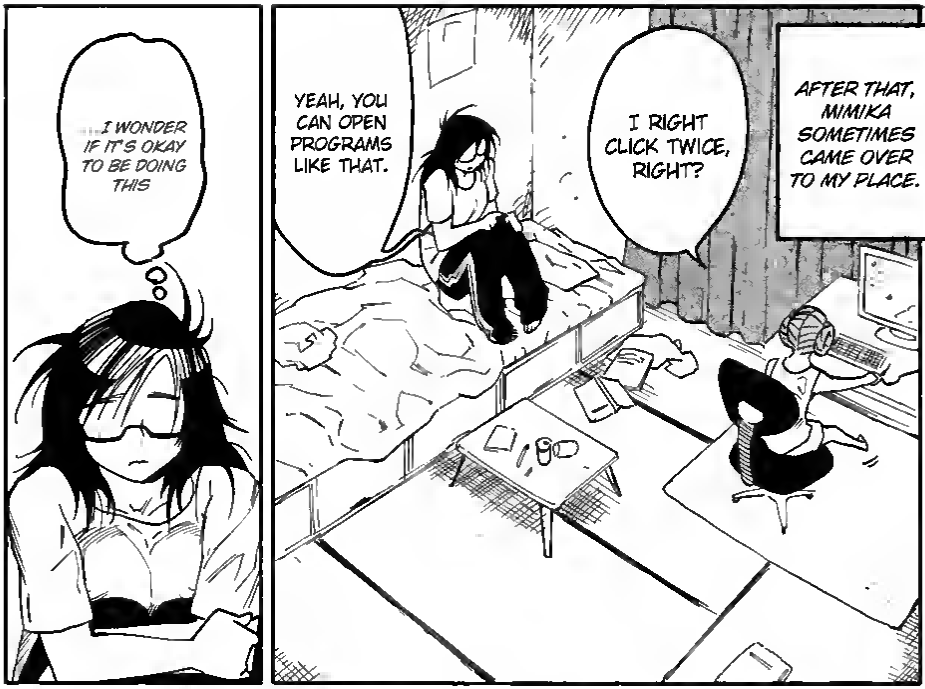
IS... THIS SPECIAL?
YEAH!

HERE IT IS!

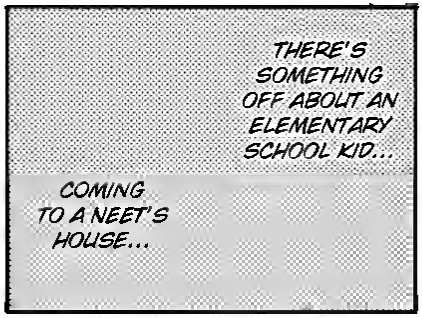


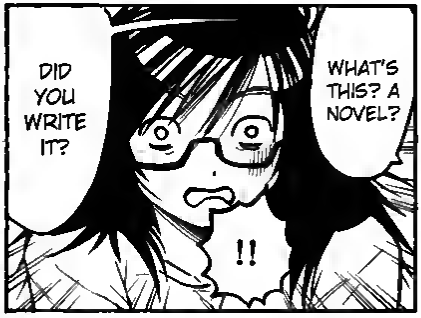
WHEN I'M WITH HER.

FOR SOME REASON, I'M NOT AFRAID-

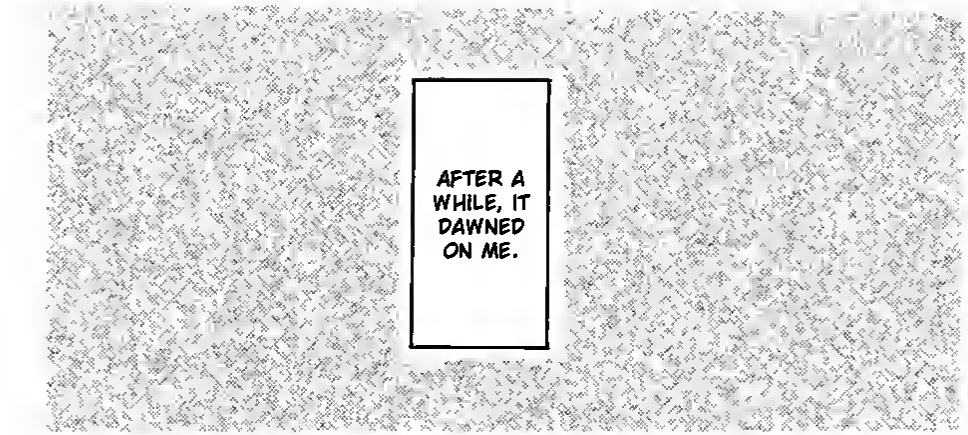

...I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY TO BE DOING THIS
YEAH, YOU CAN OPEN PROGRAMS LIKE THAT.
I RIGHT CLICK TWICE, RIGHT?
AFTER THAT, MIMIKA SOMETIMES CAME OVER TO MY PLACE.

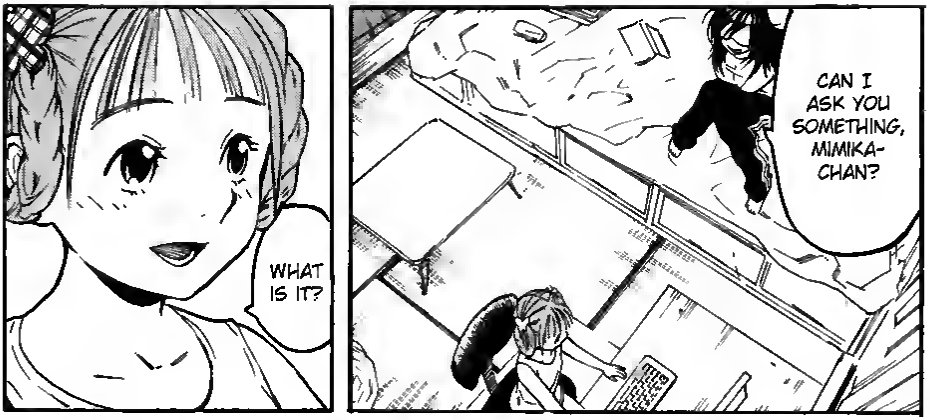
NOOOO OOOOO OOO!!!
"THAT TIME, THE TEARS JUST KEPT ON...."

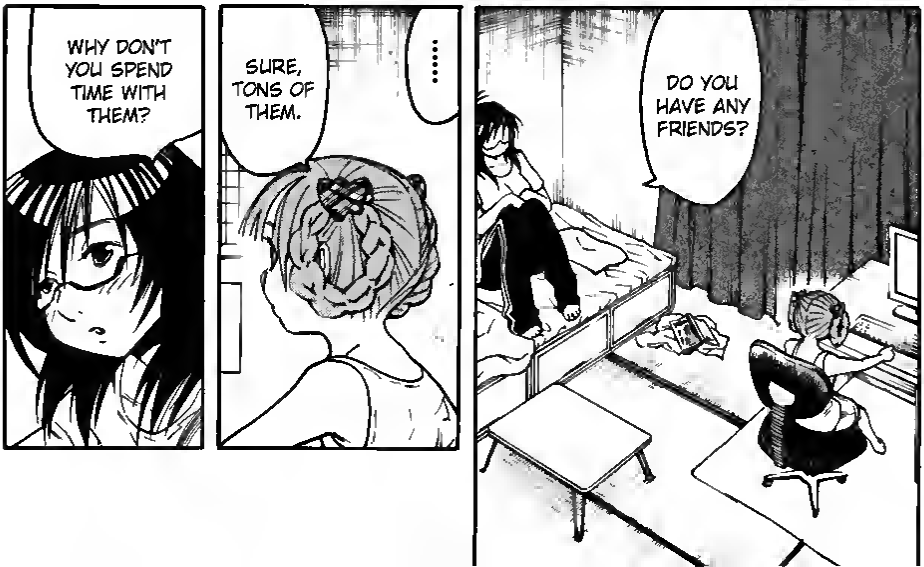

THERE'S SOMETHING OFF ABOUT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID...
COMING TO A NEET'S HOUSE...

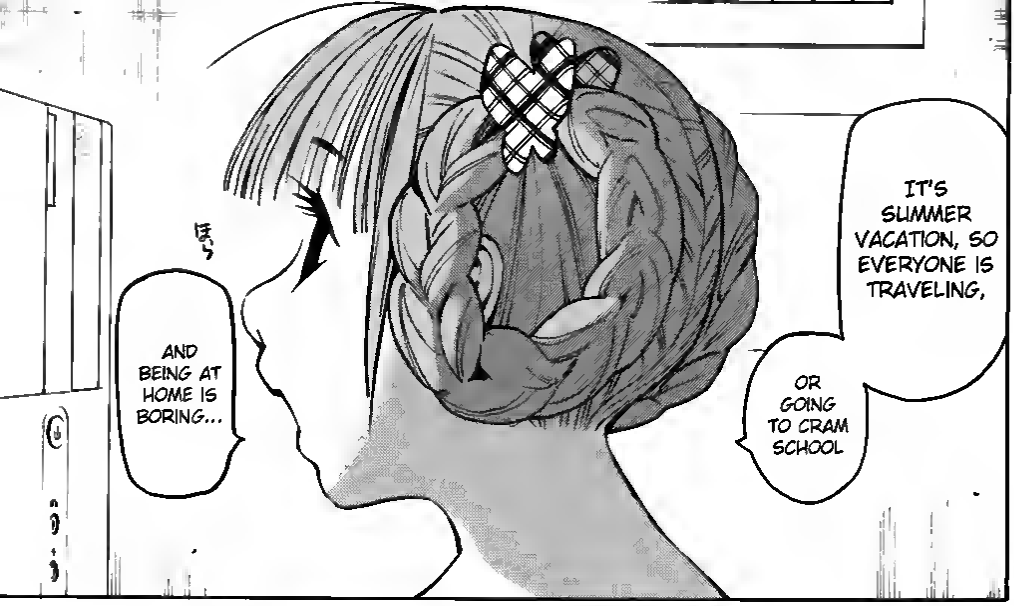

DID YOU WRITE IT?
WHAT'S THIS? A NOVEL?
!!

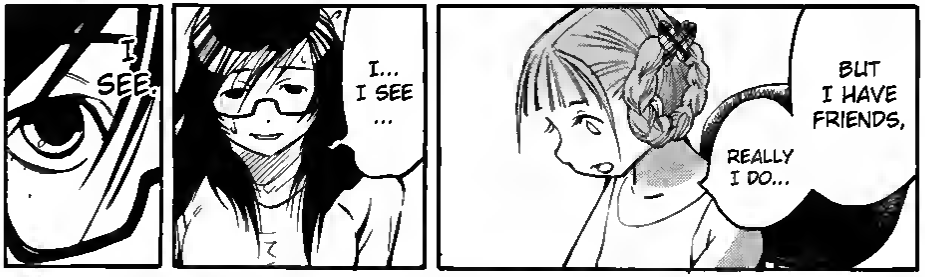
I'M JUST PRETENDING TO BE FOLLOWING A DREAM...
はは
EH? UH, WELL, I SORT OF THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING AN AUTHOR..
WOW!!
DO YOU WRITE NOVELS?
あわわ
IT'S STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS, SO...
カカカ
MY DREAM IS TO
OPEN A RICE OMELETTE RESTAUR-ANT!
WANT ME TO TEACH YOU HOW TO MAKE IT?
REALLY?!
SURE, FIRST YOU TAKE AN ONION...

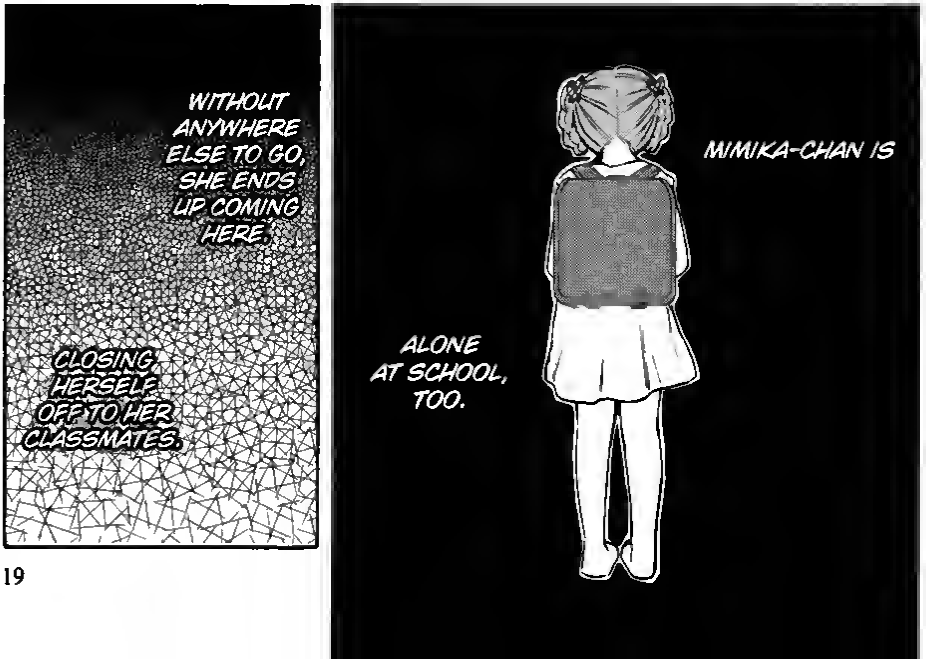

AFTER A WHILE, IT DAWNED ON ME.

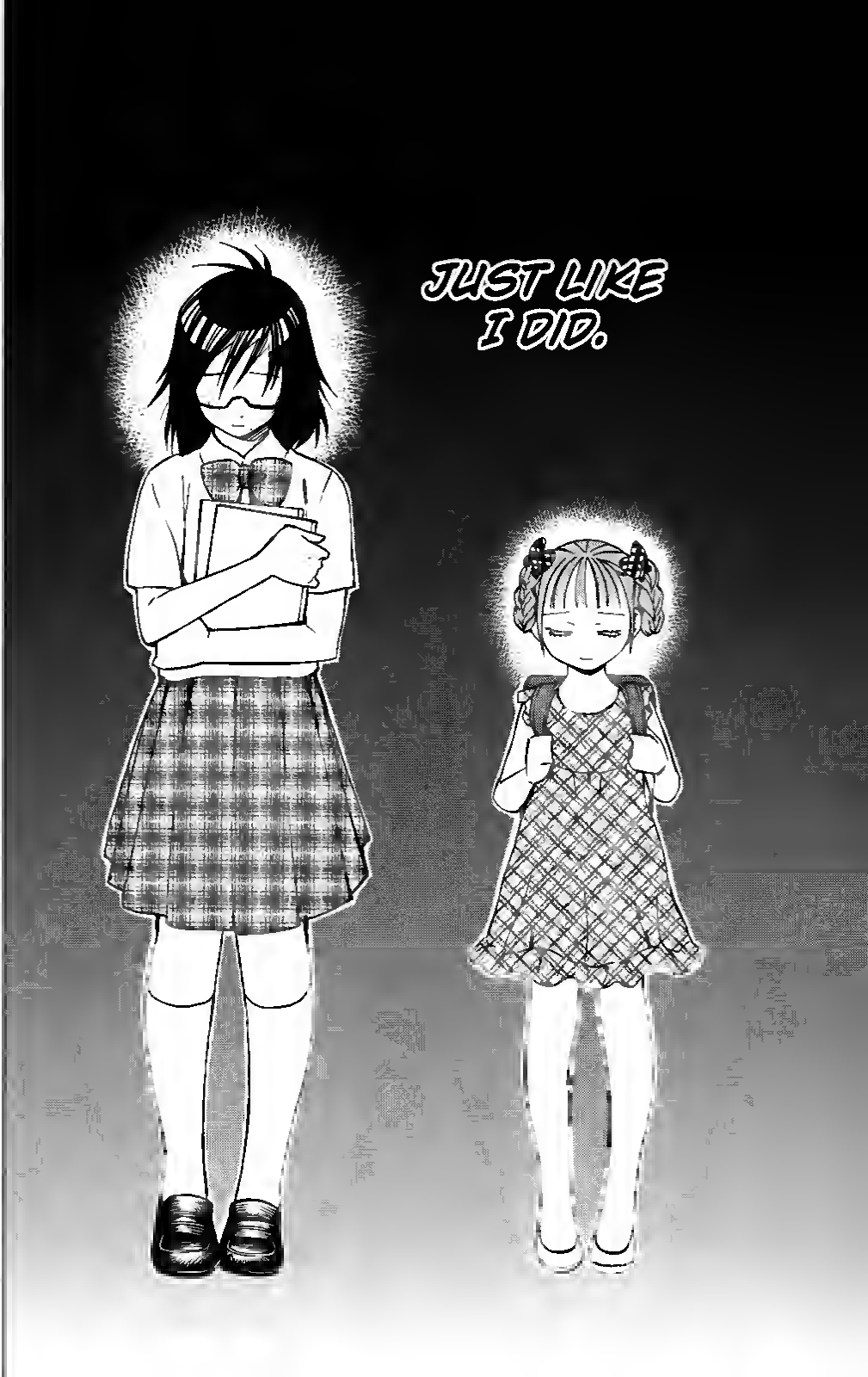

WHAT IS IT?
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING, MIMIKA-CHAN?


WHY DON'T YOU SPEND TIME WITH THEM?
SURE, TONS OF THEM.
.....
DO YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS?

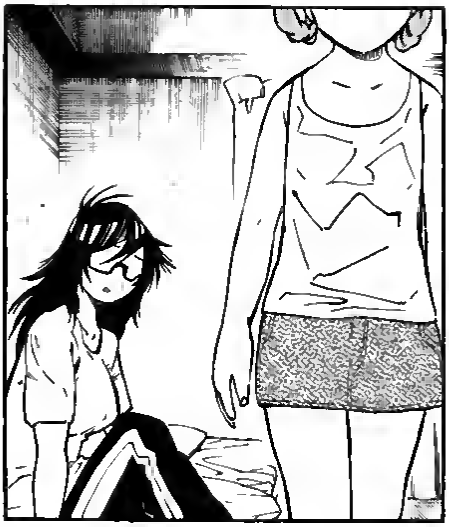

IT'S SUMMER VACATION, SO EVERYONE IS TRAVELING,
OR GOING TO CRAM SCHOOL
AND BEING AT HOME IS BORING...

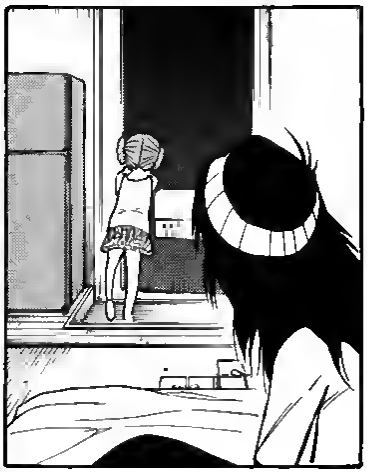

I SEE.
I... I SEE ...
BUT I HAVE FRIENDS,
REALLY I DO...


WITHOUT ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO, SHE ENDS UP COMING HERE.
CLOSING HERSELF OFF TO HER CLASSMATES,
MIMIKA-CHAN IS
ALONE AT SCHOOL, TOO.

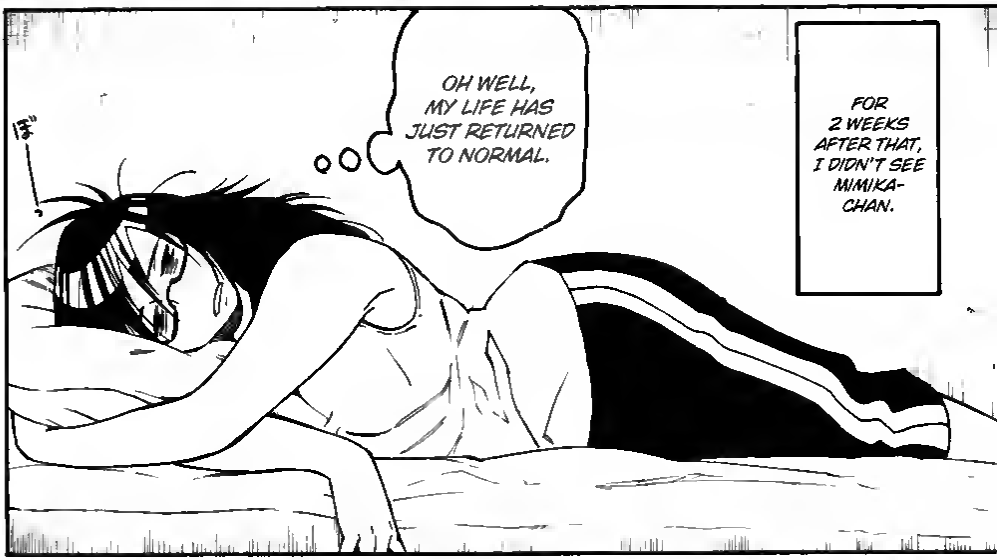

JUST LIKE
I DID.

THAT'S WHY...
MIMIKA-CHAN,
YOU SHOULD STOP COMING HERE.
WHY?
IF YOU HANG OUT WITH SOME-ONE LIKE ME, YOU'LL END UP A LOSER, TOO.
NEETISM IS CONTAGIOUS, RIGHT?
THERE'S A PROVERB ABOUT ONE ROTTEN APPLE SPOILING THE BUNCH, YOU KNOW.
UH, WELL,
I KNOW.
I PREFER BEING ALONE, ANYWAY...
INSTEAD OF VISITING ME, YOU SHOULD SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CLASSMATES!





HAHA ...
GOSSIP CAN BE VICIOUS, THOUGH.
AT LEAST, AS LONG AS SHE'S GOING TO SCHOOL, SHE HAS A CHANCE TO SOCIALIZE WITH KIDS HER OWN AGE.
HA HA HA!
HA!
LIKE SOME EROGE PLOT.
THIS WOULD'VE BEEN A DREAM COME TRUE FOR A LOLICON.
I'M SO STUPID! WHY DID I SAY THOSE THINGS!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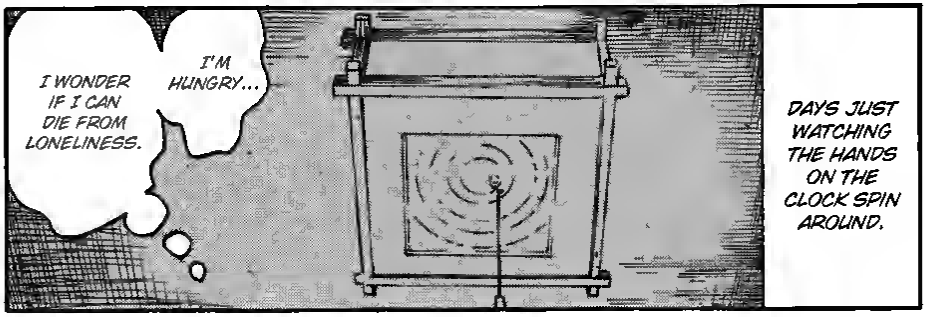
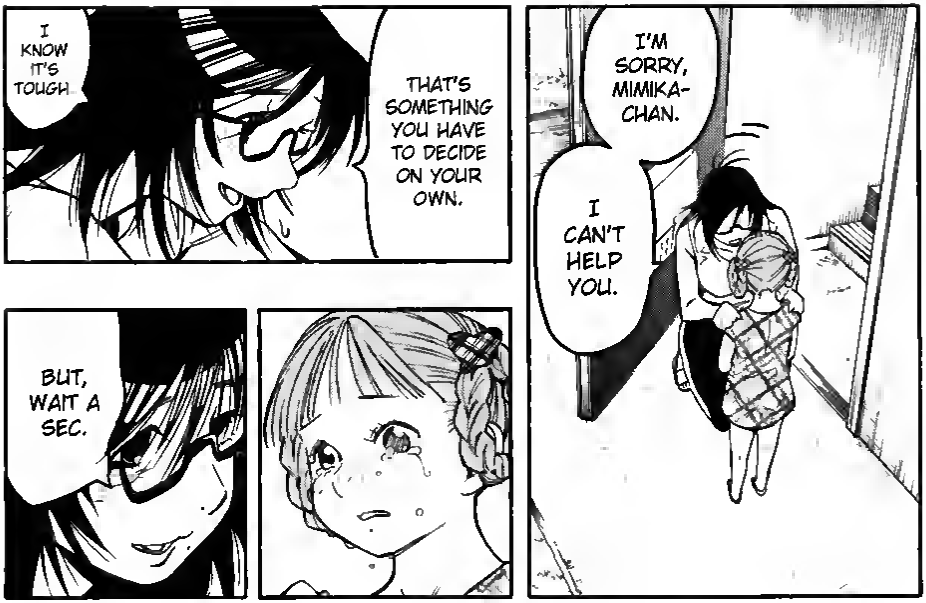
OH WELL, MY LIFE HAS JUST RETURNED TO NORMAL.
FOR 2 WEEKS AFTER THAT, I DIDN'T SEE MIMIKA-CHAN.

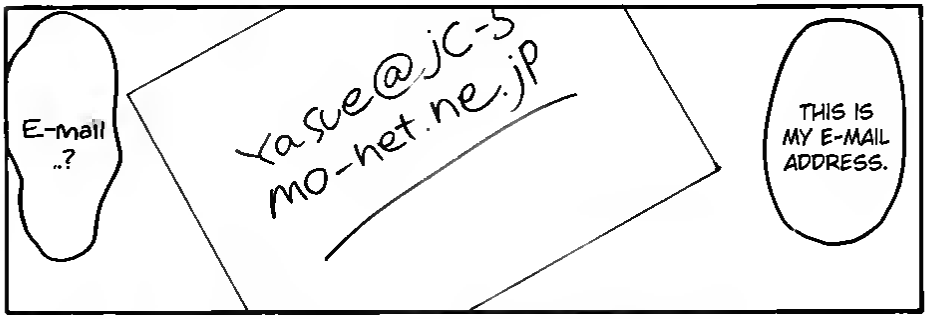

I WONDER IF I CAN DIE FROM LONELINESS.
I'M HUNGRY...
DAYS JUST WATCHING THE HANDS ON THE CLOCK SPIN AROUND.

THE FIRST TIME I SAW MIMIKA-CHAN, SHE WAS CRYING...
Sniff
Sniff
IF I DIED, WOULD ANYONE NOTICE?
Sniff
Sniff
Sniffle
Waaaah
!!
HUH?
えっ
Onee-chan~~
えっ

MIMIKA-CHAN!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HERE!

Mommy and Daddy...
WHAT'S WRONG?!
They're getting divorced
Daddy is moving far away
They told me I have to choose who I love more...
How am I supposed to do that!


I KNOW IT'S TOUGH.
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DECIDE ON YOUR OWN.
I'M SORRY, MIMIKA-CHAN.
I CAN'T HELP YOU.
BUT, WAIT A SEC.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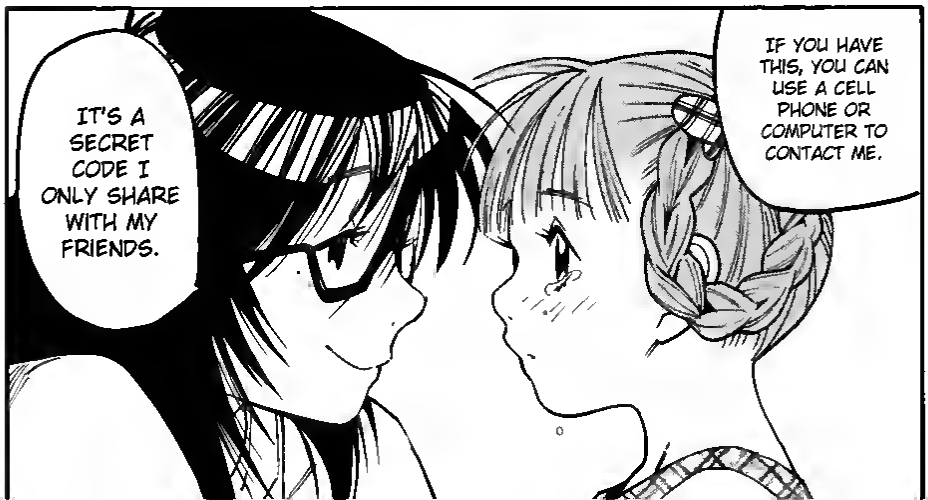
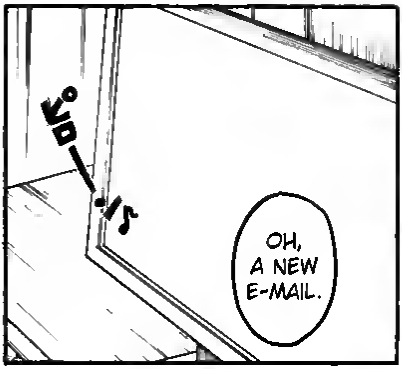
Yasue@jc-3 mo-net.ne.jp
THIS IS MY E-MAIL ADDRESS.


IT'S A SECRET CODE I ONLY SHARE WITH MY FRIENDS.
IF YOU HAVE THIS, YOU CAN USE A CELL PHONE OR COMPUTER TO CONTACT ME.

I'LL GO BACK TO SCHOOL...
I'LL DO MY BEST, TOO.
YES, FRIENDS.
FRIENDS ...
LET'S PINKY PRO-MISE.
OKAY?

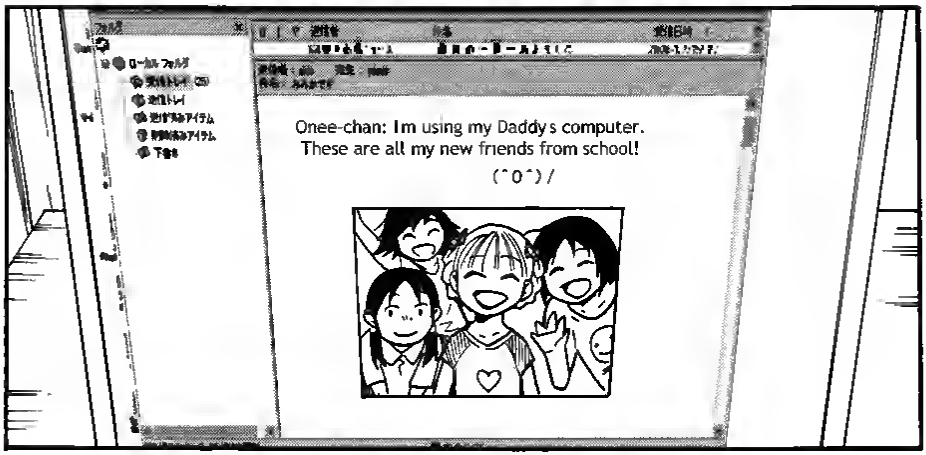
9 Septemb
first day
of school


OH, A NEW E-MAIL.

BOY, I'M NERV-OUS...

LOOKS LIKE MIMIKA -CHAN IS DOING WELL.
GOOD

チャ
AL-
RIGHT!
I HAVE
TO DO
MY BEST,
TOO!
スー
ハー
...YEAH!


Onee-chan: Im using my Daddy's computer.
These are all my new friends from school!
(^0^)/

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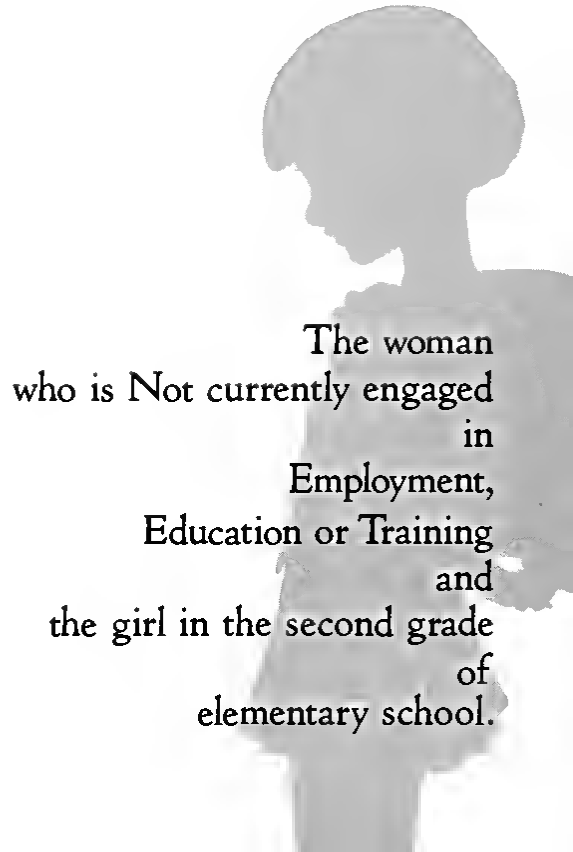

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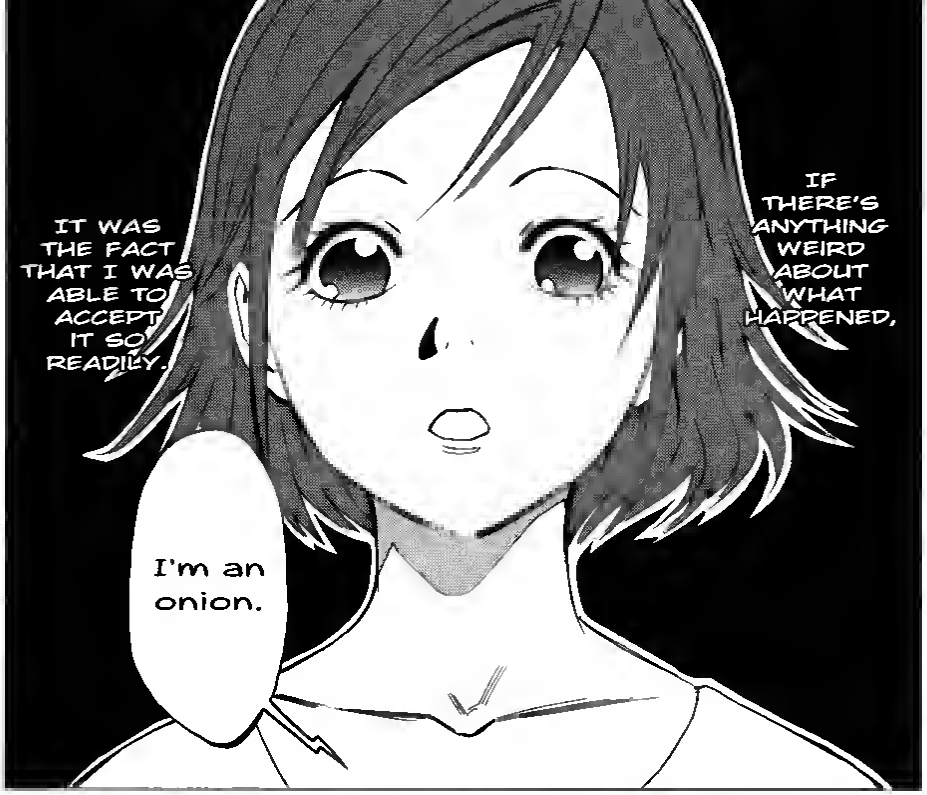
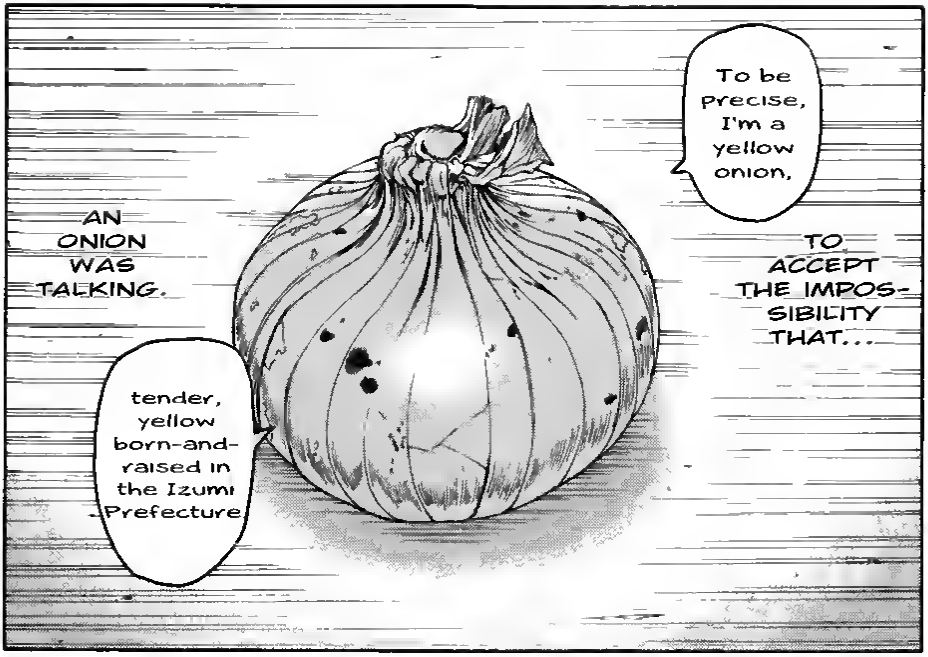
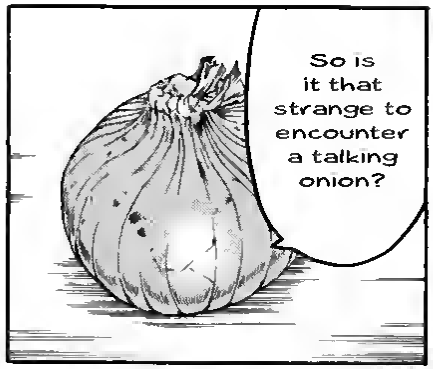

IT WAS THE FACT THAT I WAS ABLE TO ACCEPT IT SO READILY.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING WEIRD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED,
I'm an onion.


To be precise, I'm a yellow onion,
AN ONION WAS TALKING.
TO ACCEPT THE IMPOS-SIBILITY THAT...
tender, yellow born-and-raised in the Izumi Prefecture

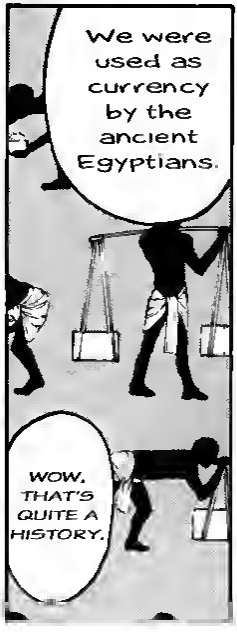
"Flow, my Tears,"
Quoth the Onion


So is it that strange to encounter a talking onion?

It's well known that onions possess the same mysterious powers as pearls,
that being the power of life.

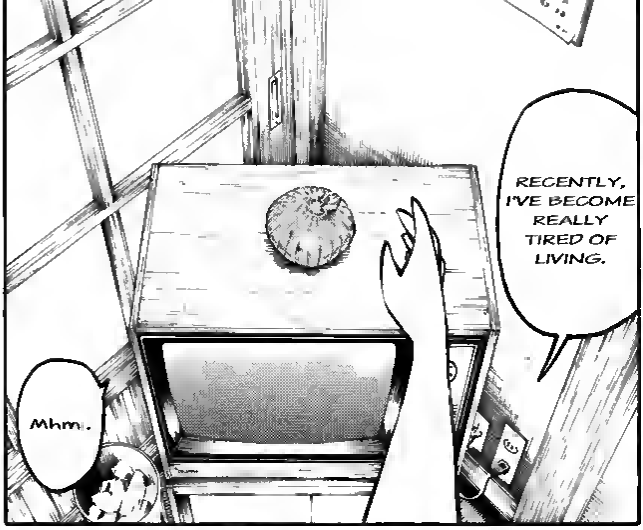
WELL, I'VE NEVER SEEN A TALKING PEARL, EITHER...

Quite right. Furthermore, the ancient Persians treasured us for our beautiful coloring and used us to make dyes. We were first introduced in Japan in the 4th year of the Meiji Era by Kiyotaka Kuroda, who brought seeds from America.

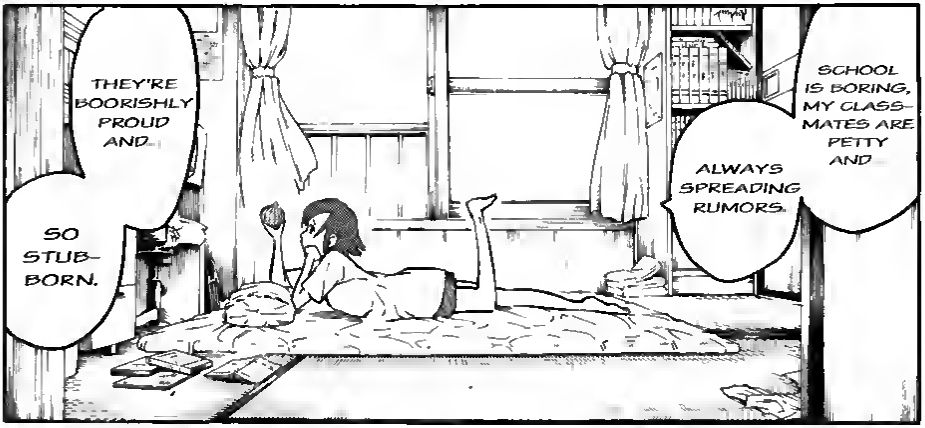

We were used as currency by the ancient Egyptians.
WOW, THAT'S QUITE A HISTORY.

Don't act coy. We onions have a history predating biblical times.

I DON'T THINK HE WILL EVER STOP TALKING AT THIS RATE...


RECENTLY, I'VE BECOME REALLY TIRED OF LIVING.
Mhm.

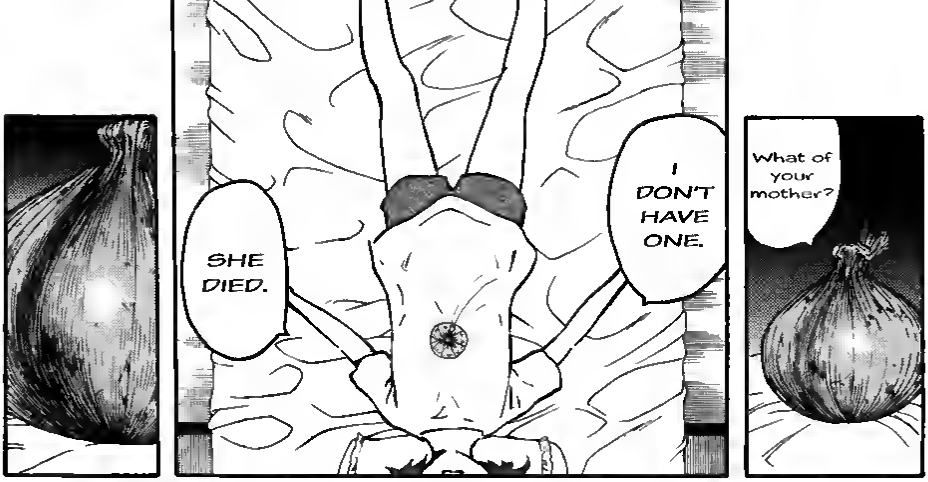
WILL YOU LISTEN FOR A SEC?
What is it?

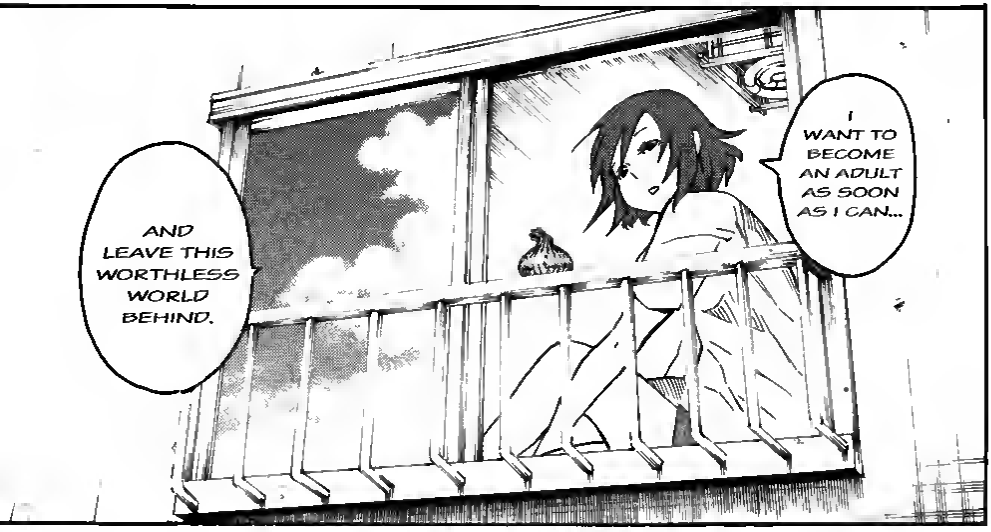

SCHOOL IS BORING, MY CLASS-MATES ARE PETTY AND
ALWAYS SPREADING RUMORS.
THEY'RE BOORISHLY PROUD AND
SO STUB-BORN.

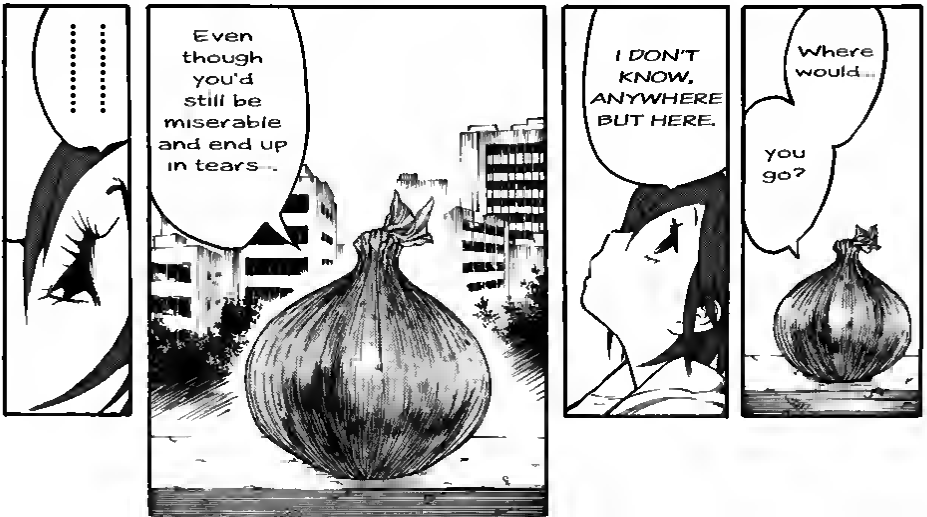
IT'S THE SAME AS BEING HERE ALONE.

WE HARDLY EVER SPEAK TO EACH OTHER.

I'M MISERABLE AT HOME.
PAPA IS ALWAYS AT WORK.


What of your mother?
I DON'T HAVE ONE.
SHE DIED.


I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT AS SOON AS I CAN...
AND LEAVE THIS WORTHLESS WORLD BEHIND.


Where would... you go?
I DON'T KNOW, ANYWHERE BUT HERE.
Even though you'd still be miserable and end up in tears...
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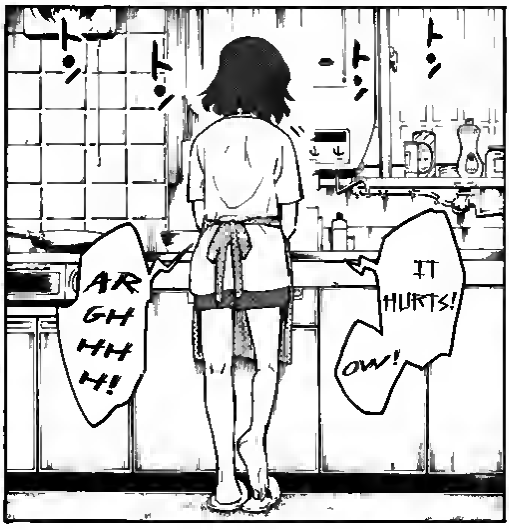
I'M GOING TO EAT YOU.
I NEED TO PREPARE DINNER.

Stop it!!
Agh!
Ouch!

I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S TIME FOR US TO SAY OUR GOODBYES.
Huh?

SO THIS IS HOW IT ENDS...


ARGHHHH!
IT HURTS!
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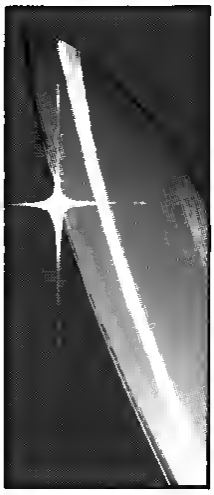

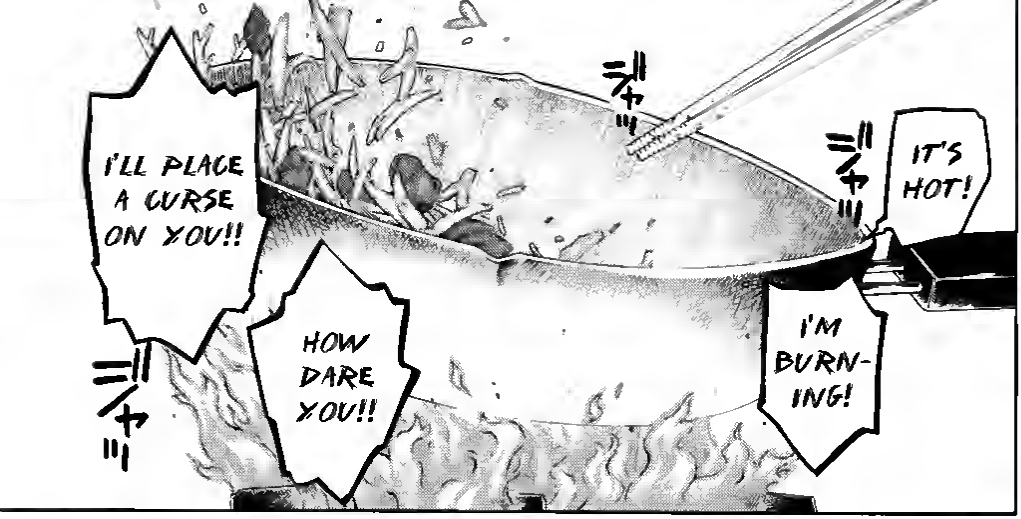
I'LL PLACE A CURSE ON YOU!!
HOW DARE YOU!!
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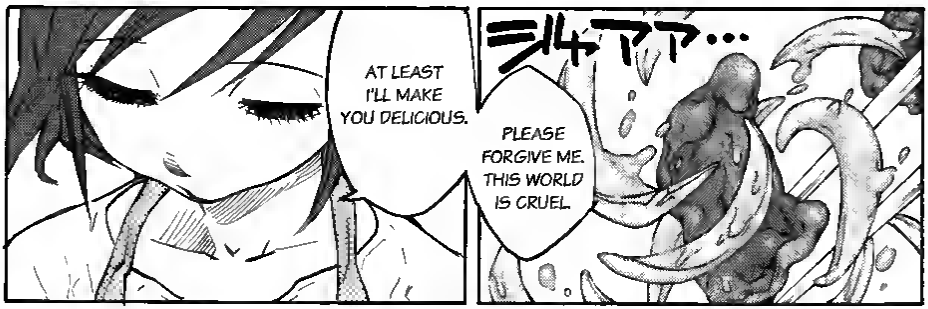
IT'S HOT!
I'M BURNING!


AT LEAST I'LL MAKE YOU DELICIOUS.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME. THIS WORLD IS CRUEL.
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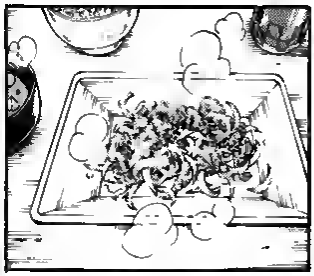
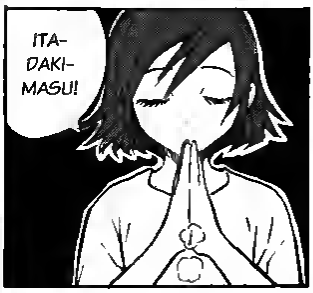
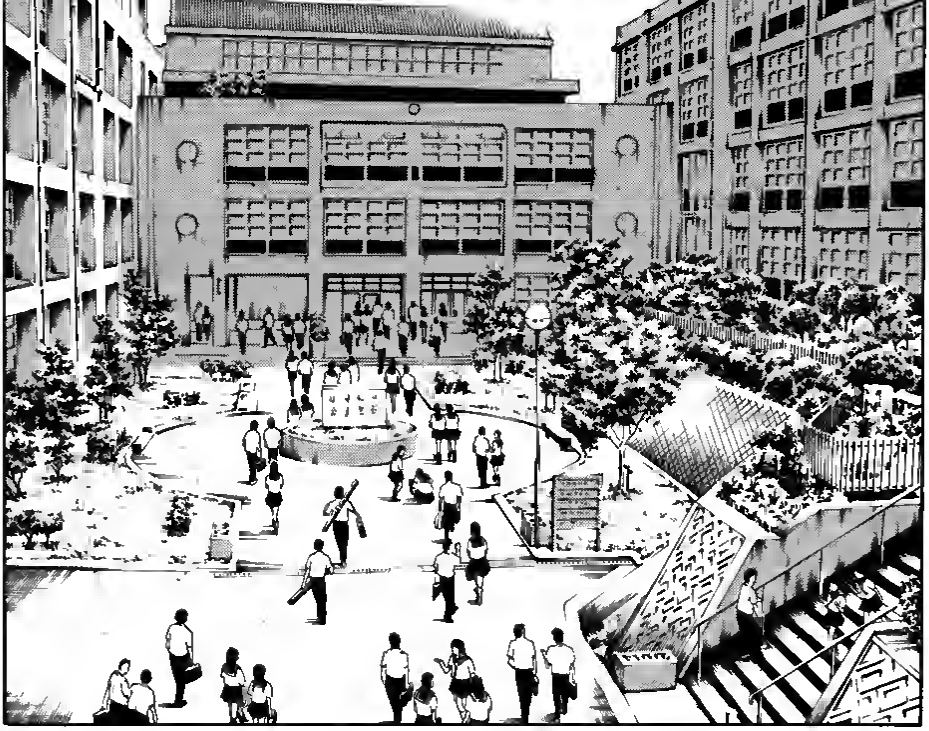



ITA-DAKI-MASU!



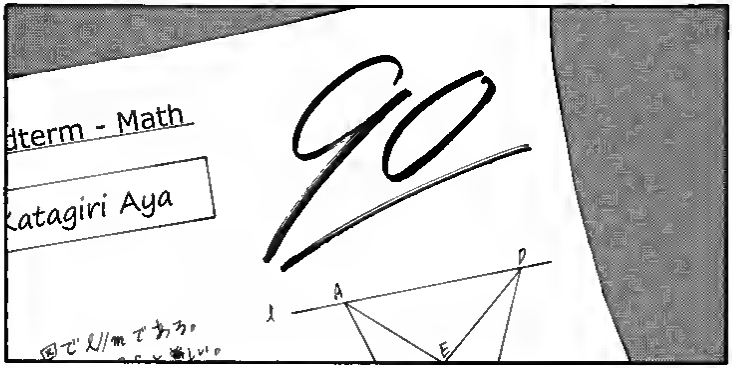
WHAT'S THE POINT IN WORRYING ABOUT THE COLOR OF YOUR SOCKS?
LEARNING USELESS FACTS EVERY DAY.
SCHOOL MORE LIKE A PRISON.

WHAT'S WITH THAT BRUISE?
WHAT?
GOOD MORNING, AYA!

...I DID?
YOU DID WELL THIS TIME, KATAGIRI.

I'LL RETURN YOUR MID-TERMS NOW.

I JUST GUESSED ON MOST OF IT...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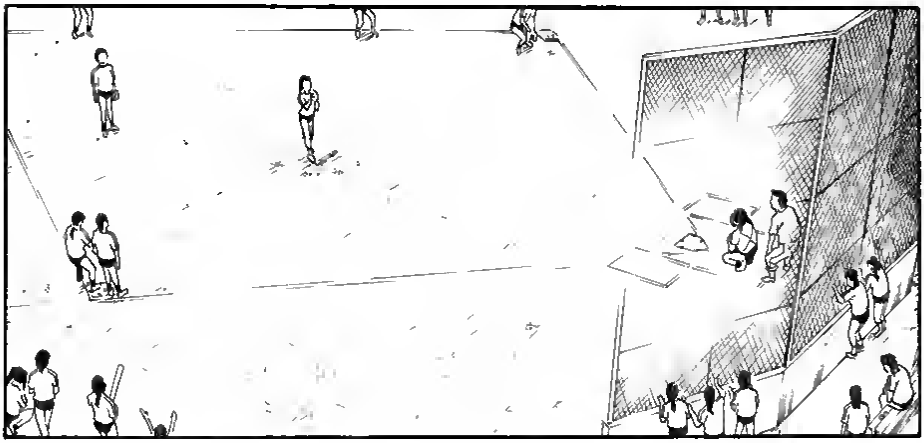

TURN IT AROUND WITH A HOME RUN!
YOU CAN DO IT, AYA!!
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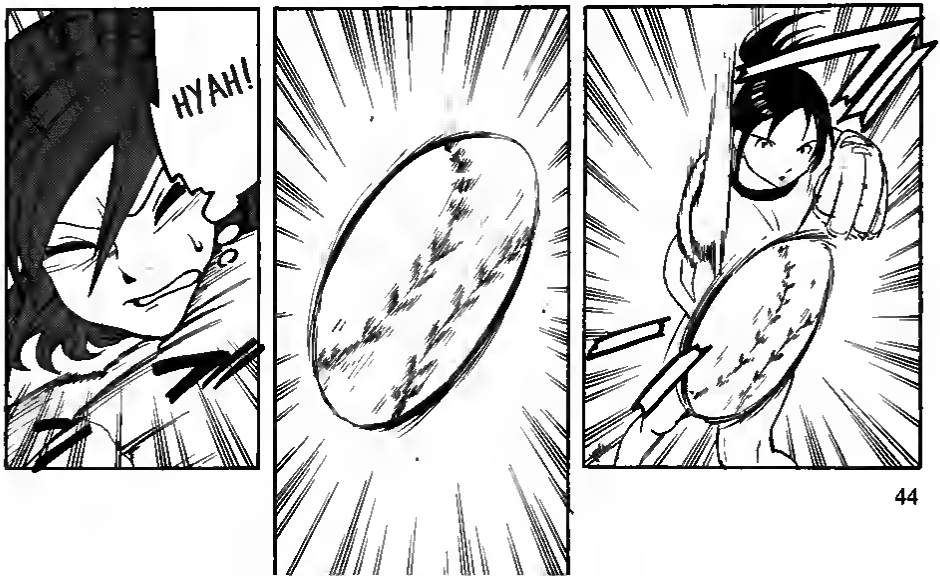
I've never even hit the ball before!
There's no way I can do that!!


HYAH!

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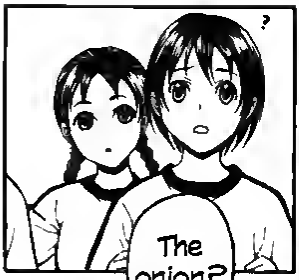
YOU DID IT!!
You seem different today, Aya!
You're so amazing!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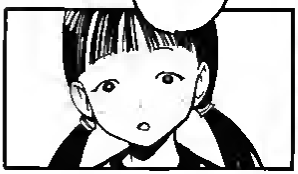
The onion?



IT'S...
IT'S THE ONION.

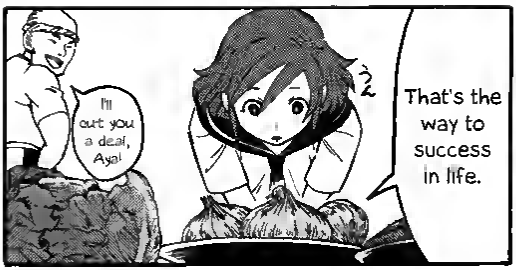
Have you been training in secret?!

IT'S A COINCI-DENCE!

I MEAN, NO! UH...
(RAP!

Hey, did you hear?
I'M JUST HAVING A LUCKY DAY.

YES, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ONION.



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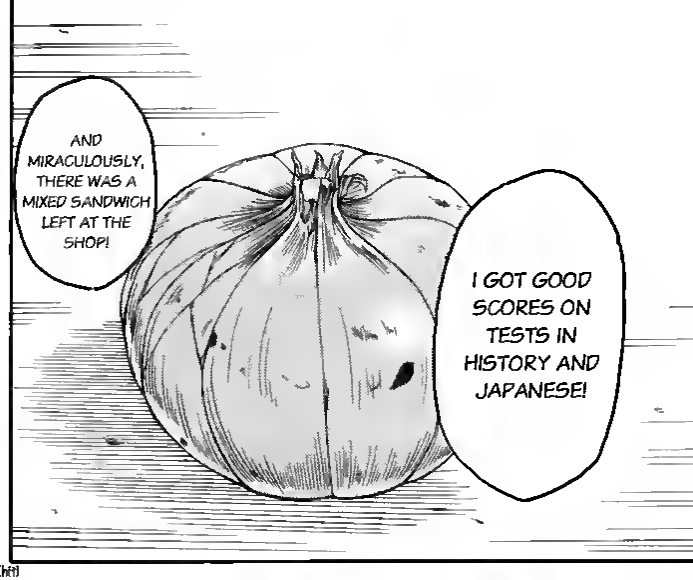
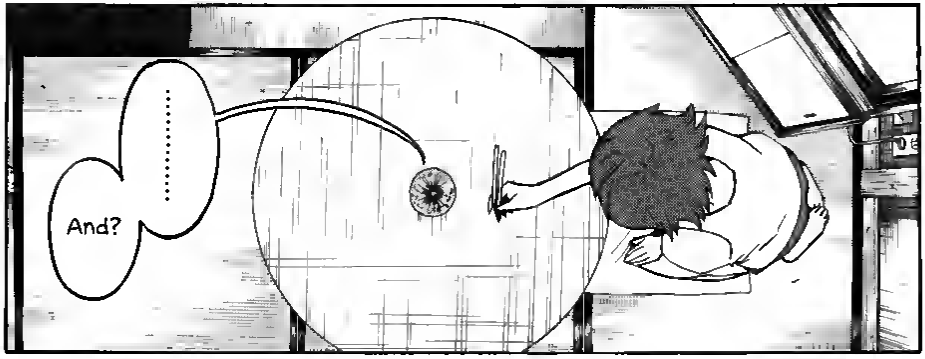
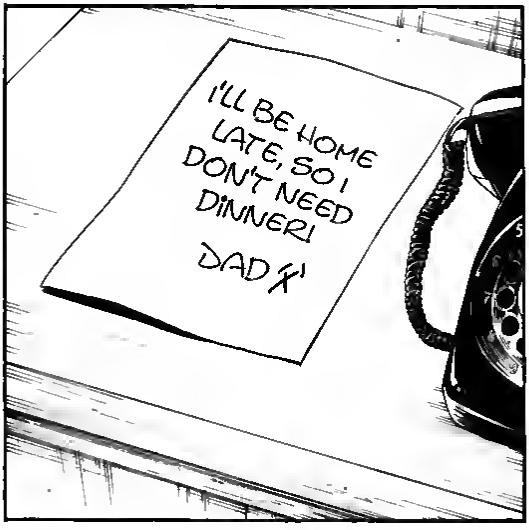
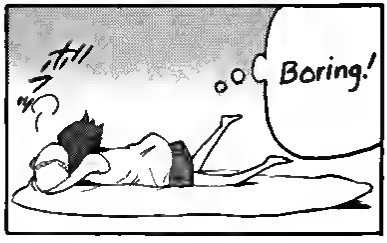


T/L note: Popsicle sticks have either "hazure" (miss) or "atari" (hit)
"Atari" sticks can be traded in for a free popsicle or something.







I over-slept!!
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キーンコーン
I made it!
I'M ACTU-ALLY...
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
I wonder what...
the onion's curse...
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ぜえ
はあ
はあ
will bring today.

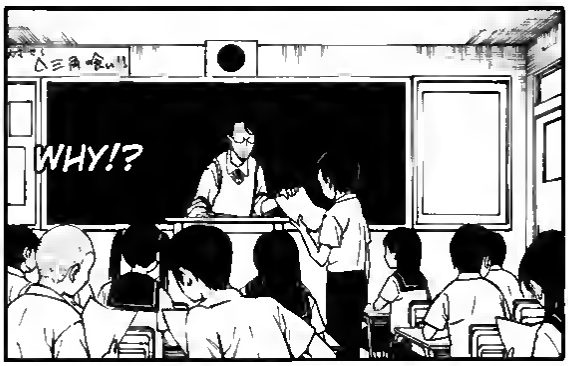
MOR-
NING,
KUMI!
DID
YOU WATCH
YESTERDAY'S
TV SHOW?
SORRY,
CAN YOU
WAIT UNTIL
LATER?

O-OK...

!?

WHY ...?

SHE'S AVOIDING ME?!
She's avoiding me...


WHY!?

I FAIL-ED?!

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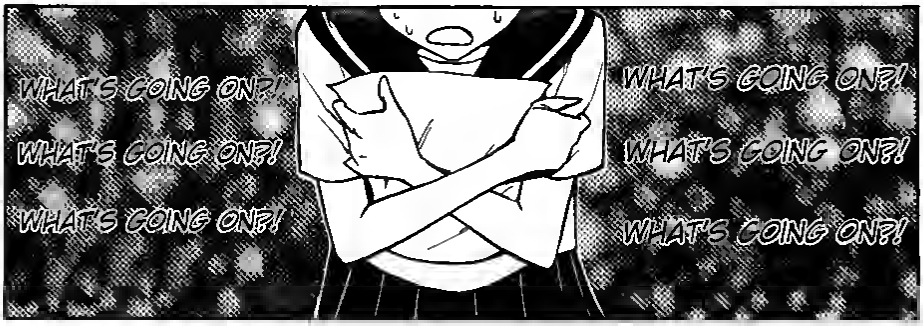
4 以降語に同じ意味になるように空欄に適切な単
語を入れなさい。
(1) その時雨が降り始めた。
It is raining then
(2) 本を読むことは面白い。
We want to read book.
(3) 他人に親切にする


WHAT'S GOING ON?!
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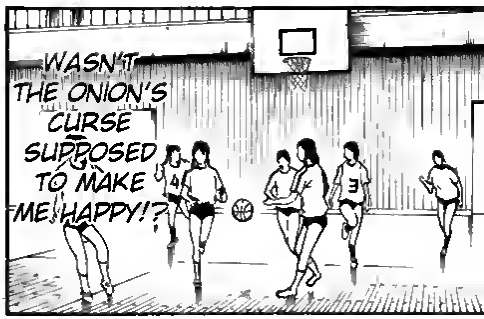
THAT THE CURSE BEGINS NOW!?
AYA, ARE YOU OKAY?!


WASN'T THE ONION'S CURSE SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME HAPPY!?

AYA!!
OR COULD IT BE

THEY WERE SOLD OUT OF MIXED SANDWICHES,
I FORGOT MY HOMEWORK FOR NABE-SEN'S CLASS AND GOT YELLED AT,
Watanabe-sensei
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……!
I HAVE A CLASS REP MEETING TODAY, SO I CAN'T EAT LUNCH WITH YOU.
SORRY.
AND KUMI IS ACTING WEIRD.
SHE'S REALLY AVOIDING ME...
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Kya haha, nasty!
THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME?!
So gross!!
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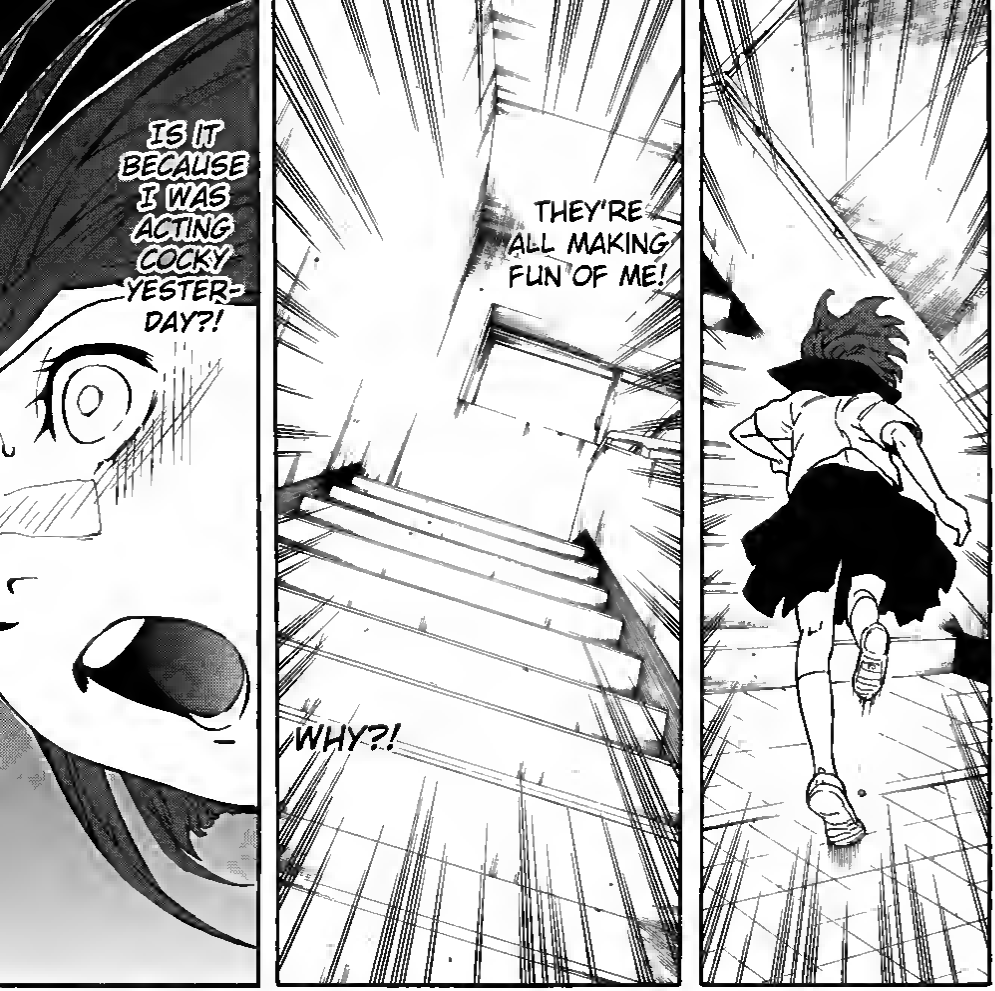
IS IT BECAUSE I WAS ACTING COCKY YESTERDAY?!
THEY'RE ALL MAKING FUN OF ME!
WHY?!

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WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?!
...SO THEN...
...AND SHE...
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KATAGIRI IN CLASS 2 DID...
OH YEAH, I HEARD ABOUT HER!

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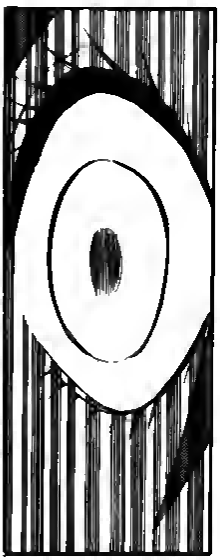

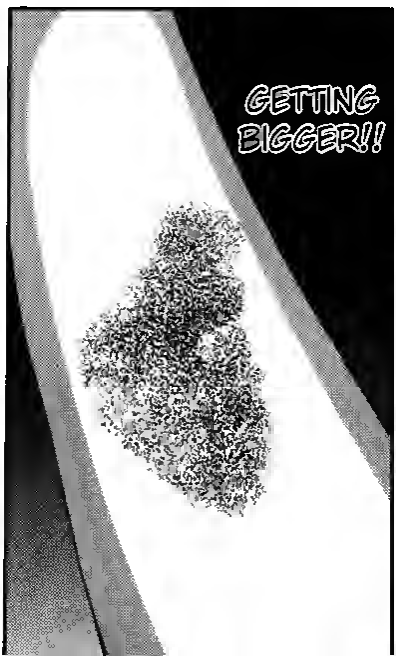
GETTING BIGGER!!

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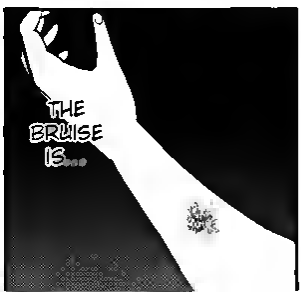
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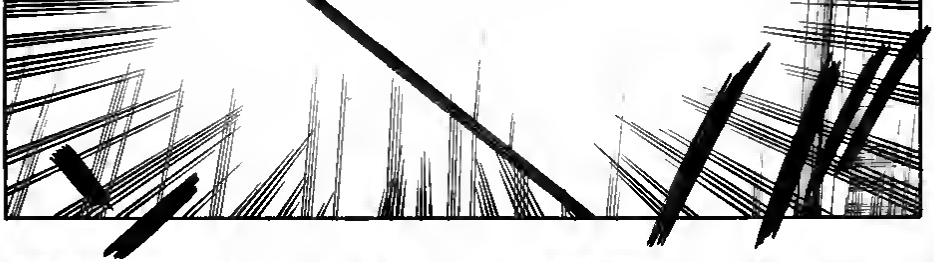

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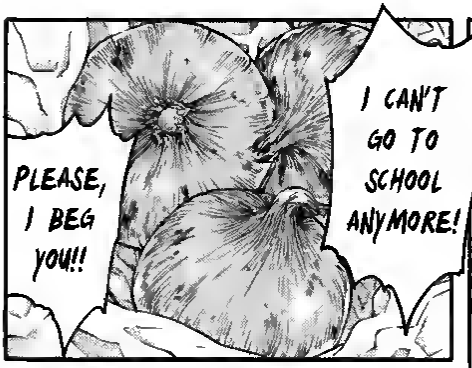
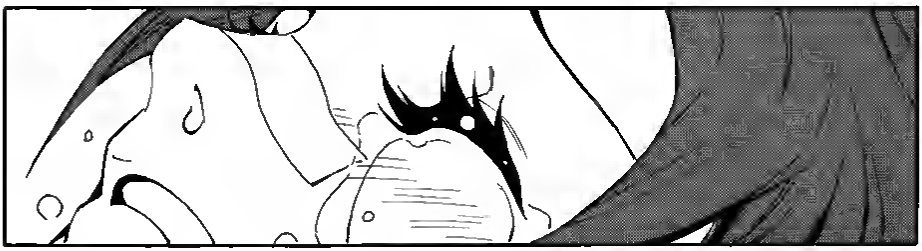

I CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL ANYMORE!
PLEASE, I BEG YOU!!

PLEASE REMOVE THE CURSE!!

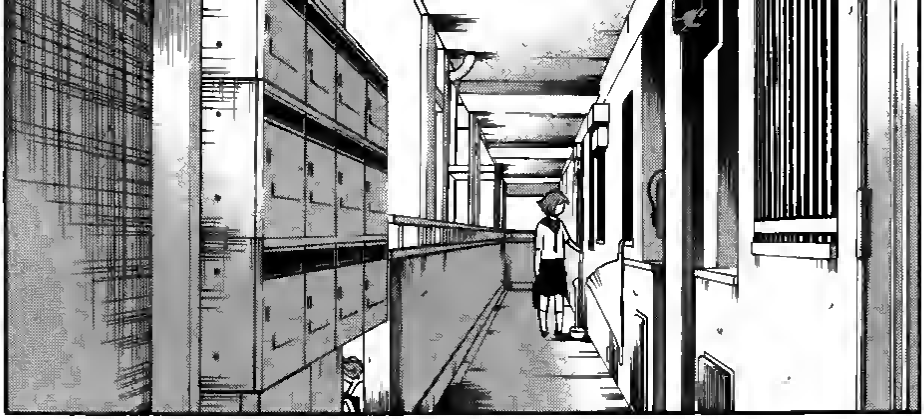
WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER ME?!
HEY!!

It hurts, doesn't it? I'll stop if you remove your curse!
Or else I'll cut you up and turn you into meat loaf!
AH
STOP IGNORING ME!!
WAA AAAA AAH.
AH...

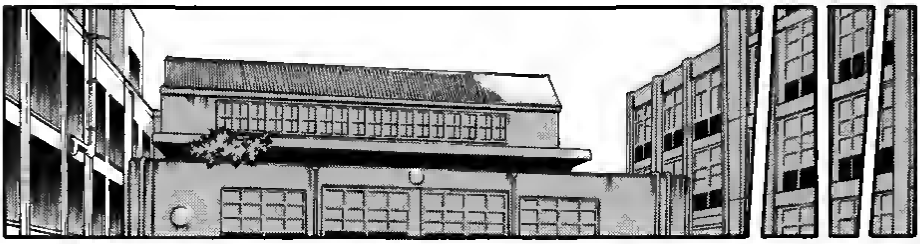
WAA AAA AAH...
UUU U...

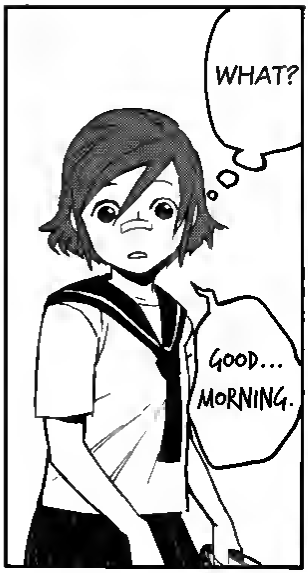


otherwise I'll keep bawling my eyes out...
I want to be an adult,



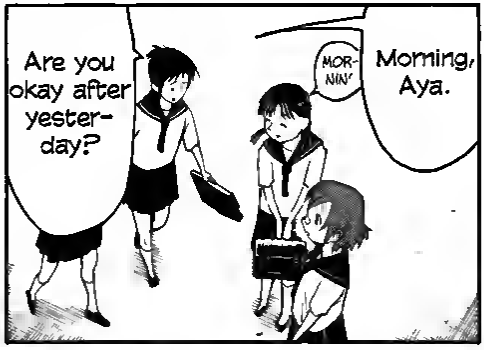
To Papa:
Good luck at work.
I made meat loaf.
-Aya




WHAT?
GOOD... MORNING.

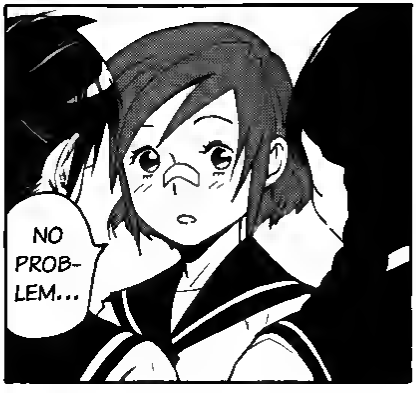
HEY, AYA.
SORRY I WAS BUSY YESTER-DAY.

Sorry I hit you with the ball.
I'm glad you weren't hurt.

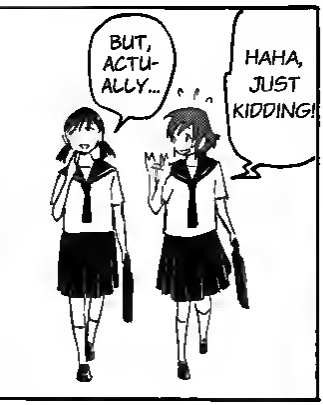

Are you okay after yester-day?
MOR-NIN'
Morning, Aya.

THE BRUISE IS GONE!

HUH?


NO PROB-LEM...

HEY, KUMI, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING WEIRD?
SURE, WHAT?
HAS AN ONION EVER TALKED...
TO YOU?


BUT, ACTU-ALLY...
HAHA, JUST KIDDING!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
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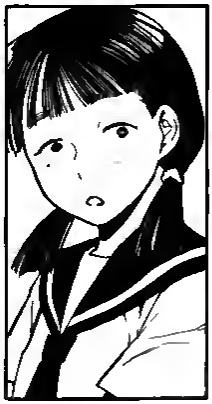

LET'S HURRY!
HEY, WAIT!
WHAT?!
AN ORANGE SPOKE TO ME BEFORE.
AYA, THE BOYS CAN HEAR YOU!
*** TALKED TO A MUSH-ROOM?
AND ### TALKED TO A BOILED EGG?!

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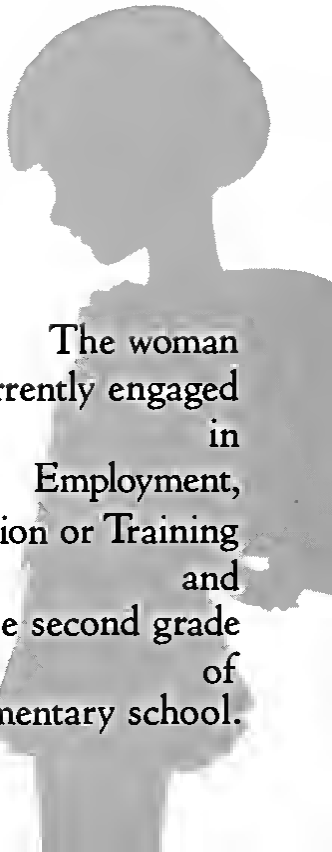
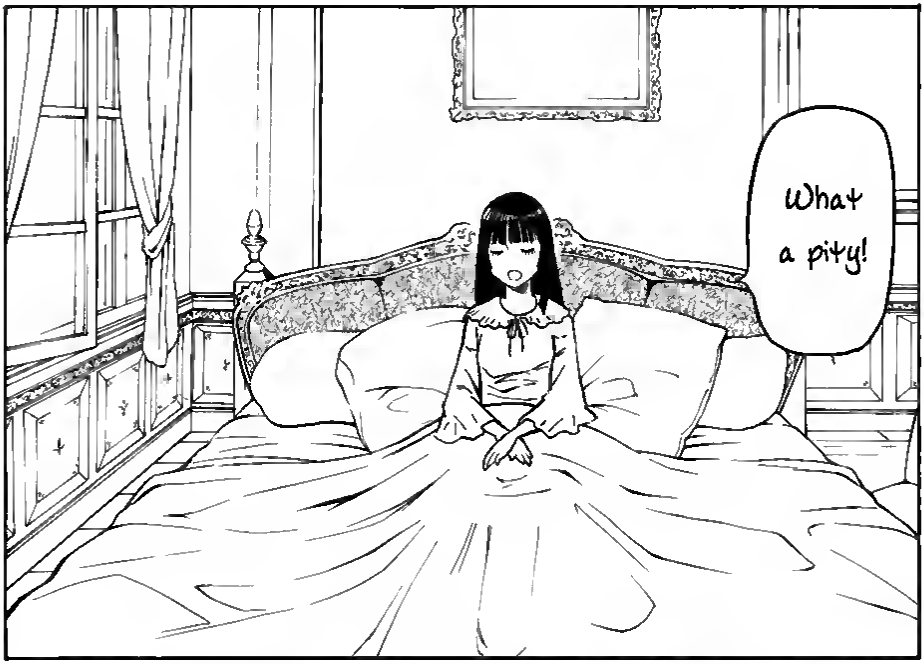
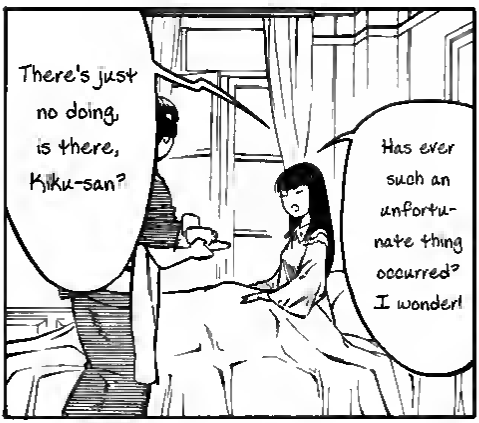


The woman
who is Not currently engaged
in
Employment,
Education or Training
and
the girl in the second grade
of
elementary school.

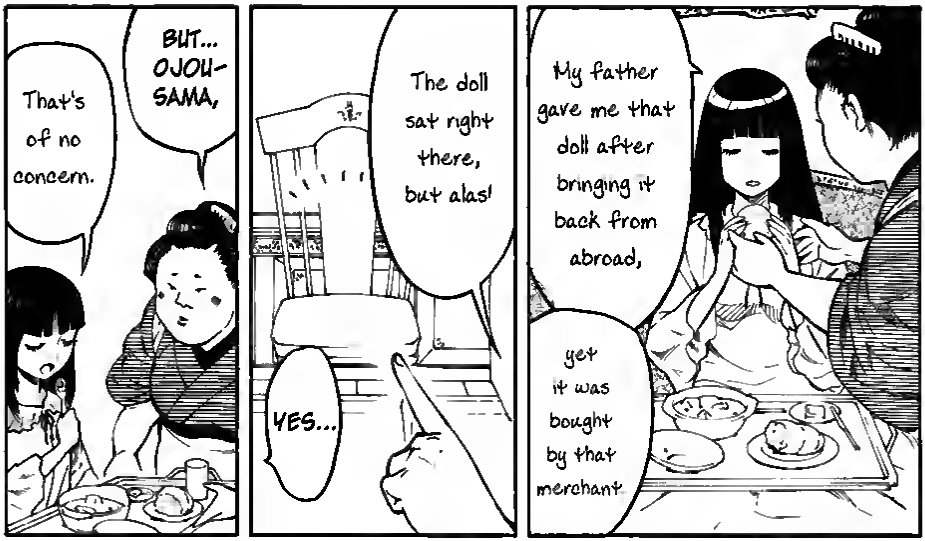
The Lady and the Gardener


What a pity!

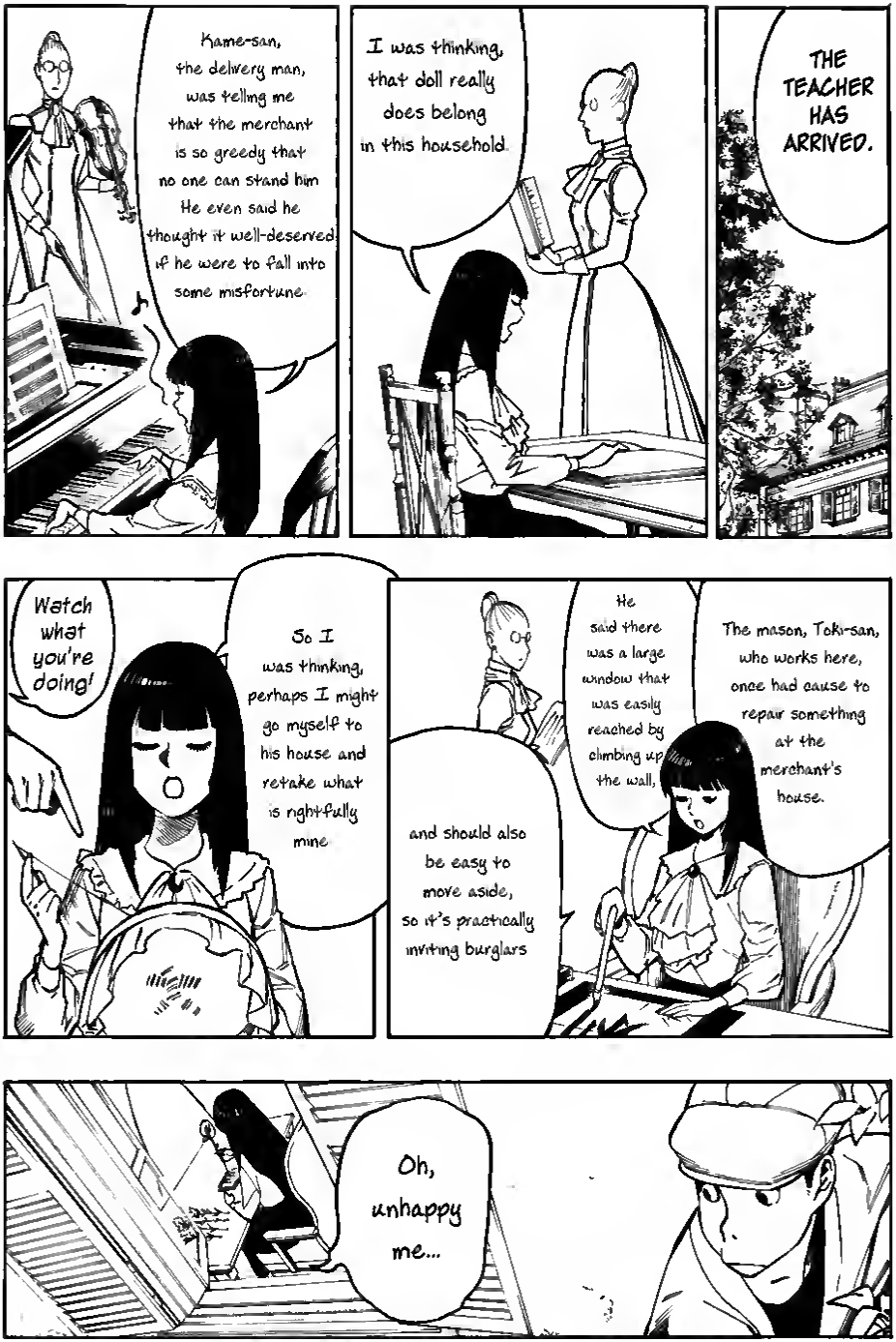

There's just no doing, is there, Kiku-san?
Has ever such an unfortunate thing occurred? I wonder!

OJOU-SAMA.
SURELY ...

It's really a shame!

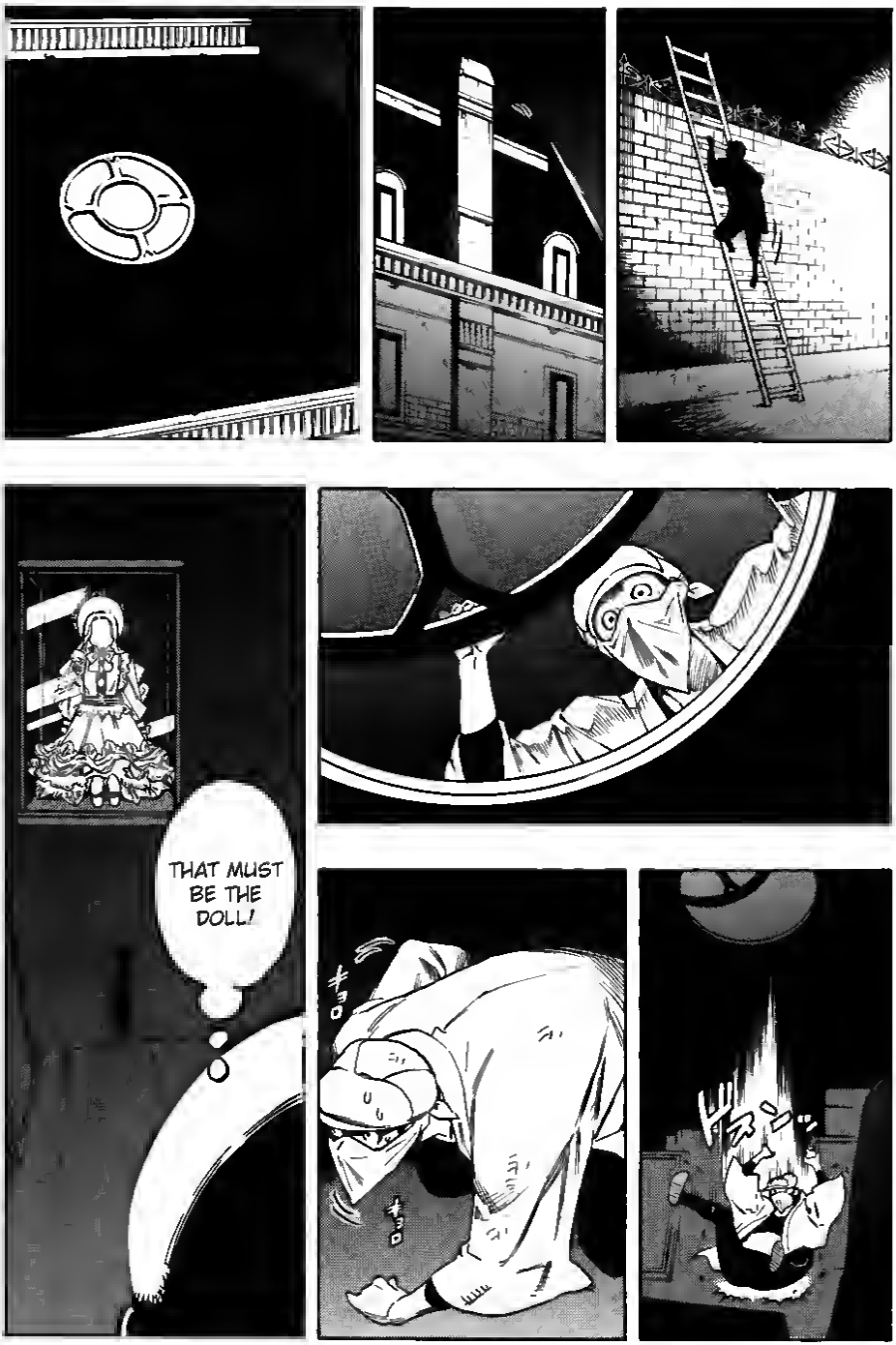

My father gave me that doll after bringing it back from abroad,
yet it was bought by that merchant
The doll sat right there, but alas!
YES...
BUT... OJOU-SAMA,
That's of no concern.

If only I had that doll, despite having lost my vision, I should be so happy...


Kame-san, the delivery man, was telling me that the merchant is so greedy that no one can stand him. He even said he thought it well-deserved if he were to fall into some misfortune.
I was thinking, that doll really does belong in this household.
THE TEACHER HAS ARRIVED.
Watch what you're doing!
So I was thinking, perhaps I might go myself to his house and retake what is rightfully mine.
and should also be easy to move aside, so it's practically inviting burglars
He said there was a large window that was easily reached by climbing up the wall,
The mason, Toki-san, who works here, once had cause to repair something at the merchant's house.
Oh, unhappy me...

IT'S NOTHING.
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR CARING FOR IT.
THE MASTER LOVED THIS TREE.
SADAKICHI, HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR WORK TODAY?
AH, YES.
THANKS FOR THE TEA.
I OUGHT TO GET BACK TO WORK. BYE, SADA-KICHI.
MY, MY!
BUT NOW SHE'S IN THAT STATE... SUCH A PITY...
THE LADY ALSO ENJOYS PLANTS AND FLOWERS, JUST LIKE HER FATHER,

I GUESS THIS IS THE PLACE...


THAT MUST BE THE DOLL!
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IT'S BEAUTIFUL.. JUST LIKE THE LADY.
AL-RIGHT.
HOW CAN I REACH THAT?!
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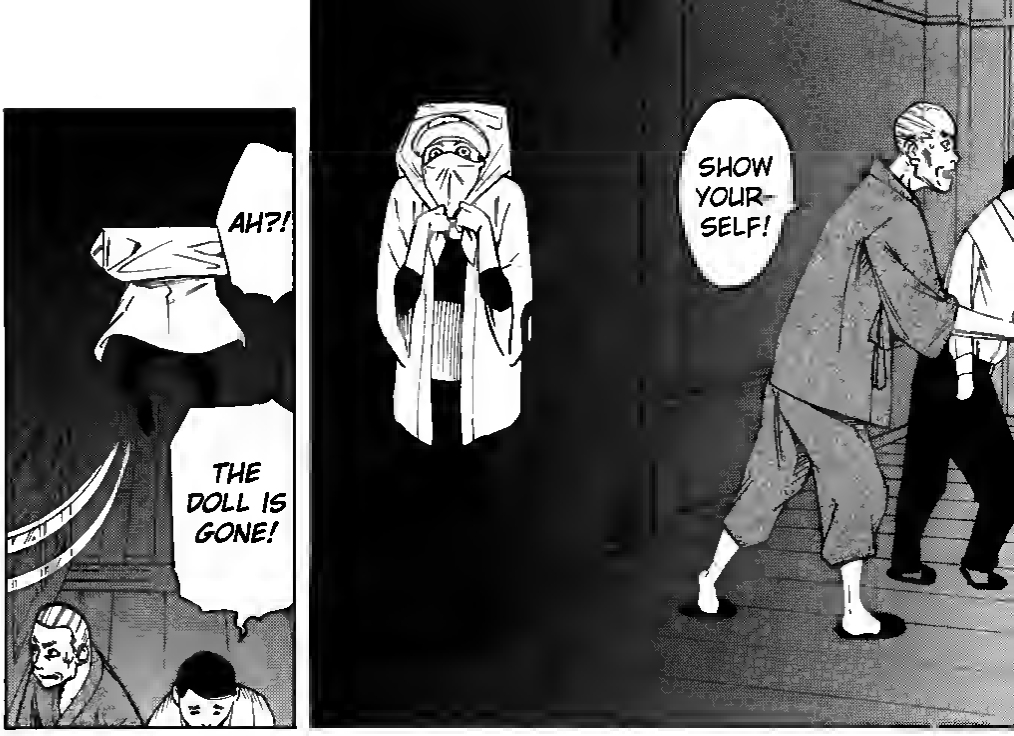
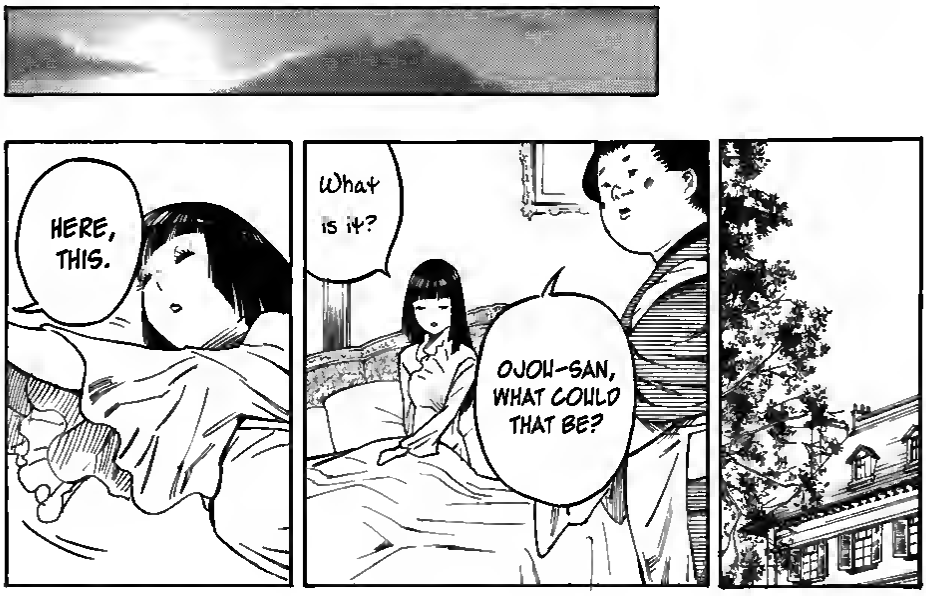
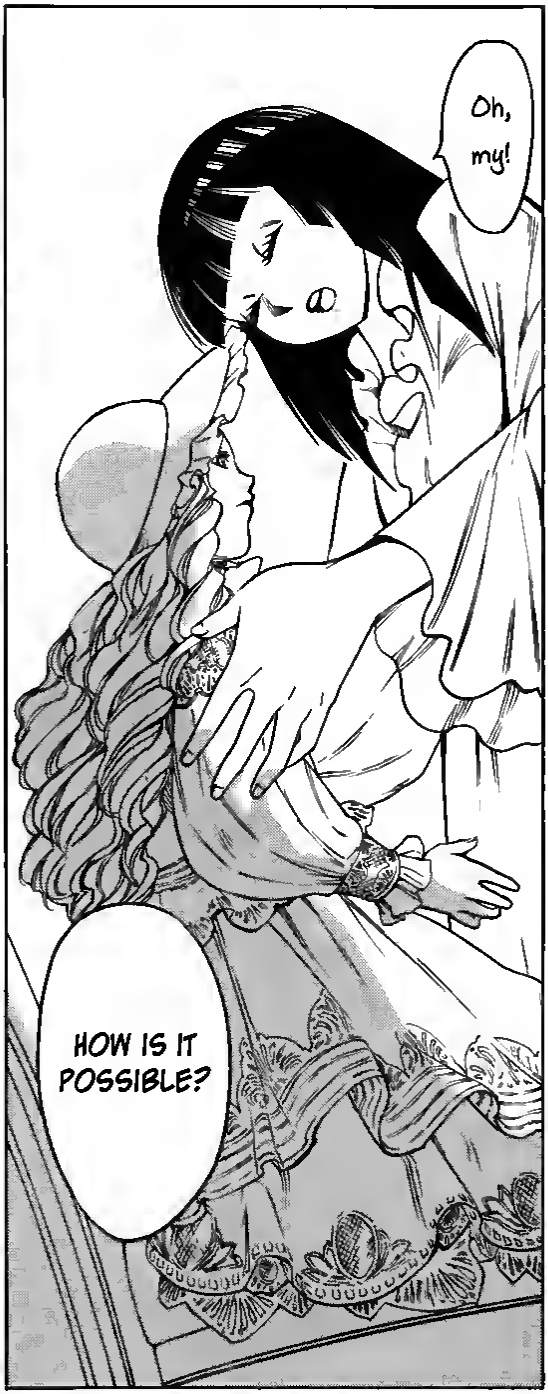
NOW I JUST NEED TO GET OUT...

UGHH
...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
!!
I'M SCREWED!!
WHO'S THERE?!

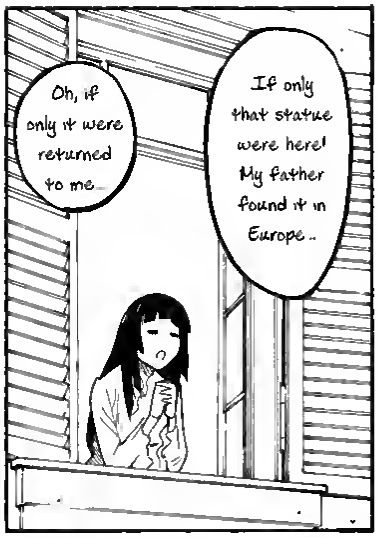

AH?!
THE DOLL IS GONE!
SHOW YOUR-SELF!

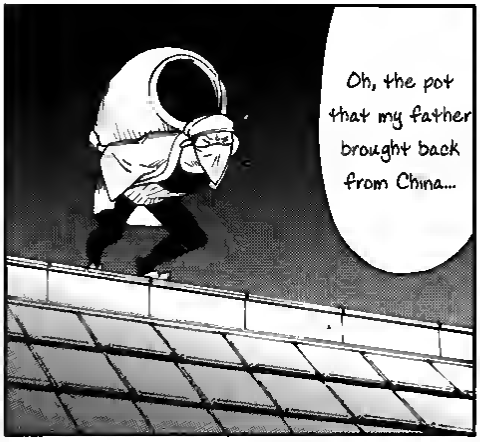

HERE, THIS.
What is it?
OJOU-SAN, WHAT COULD THAT BE?

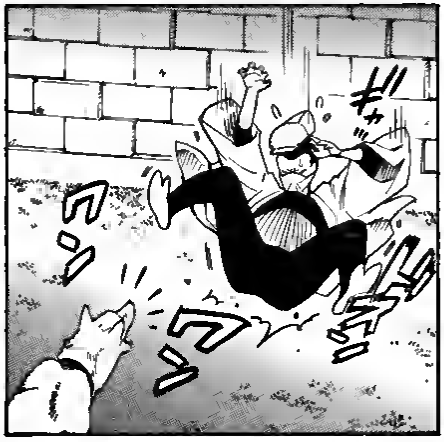
I'm sure someone must have heard my lamentations
and brought it back to me!


Oh, my!
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

My dear friend, Kuni-san, told m that the manor's southeast wall is quite easy to climb, and if one were to ascend the aforementioned, surely one would find that statue

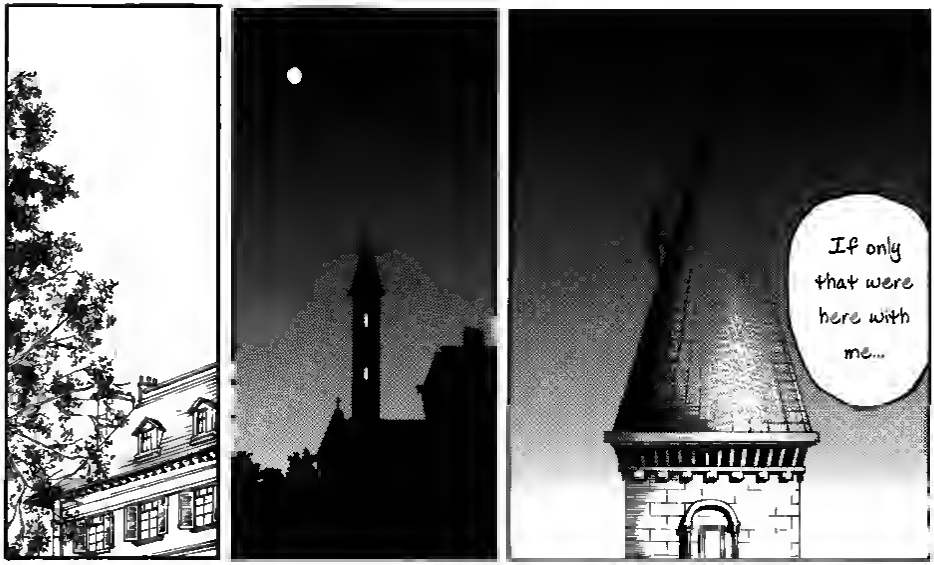

If only that statue were here! My father found it in Europe..
Oh, if only it were returned to me..

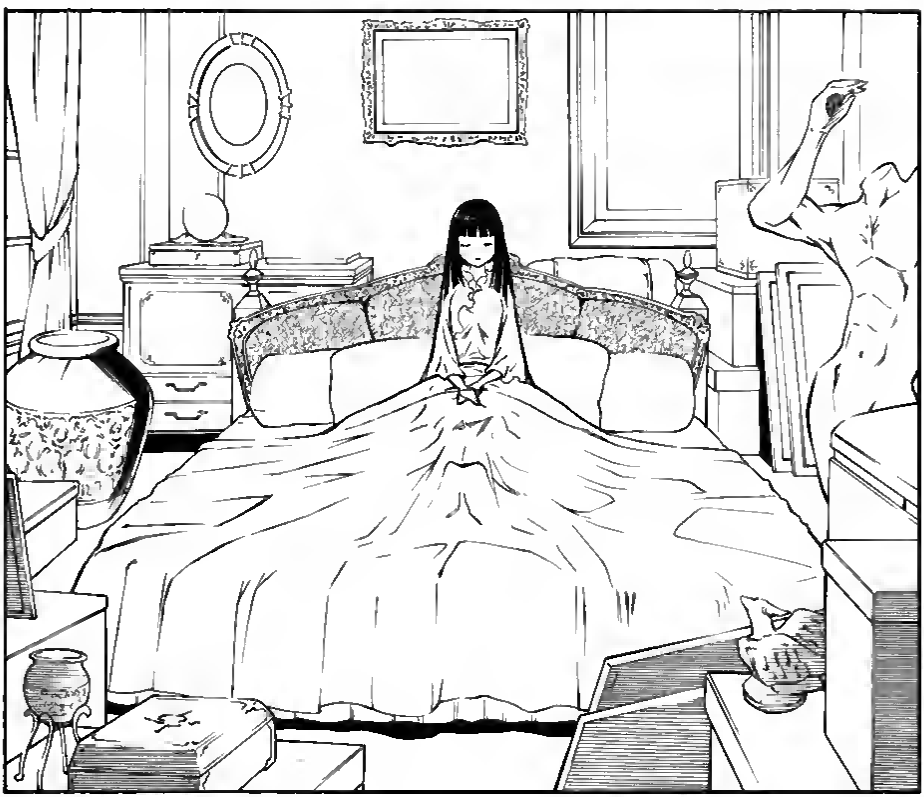

Oh, the pot that my father brought back from China...



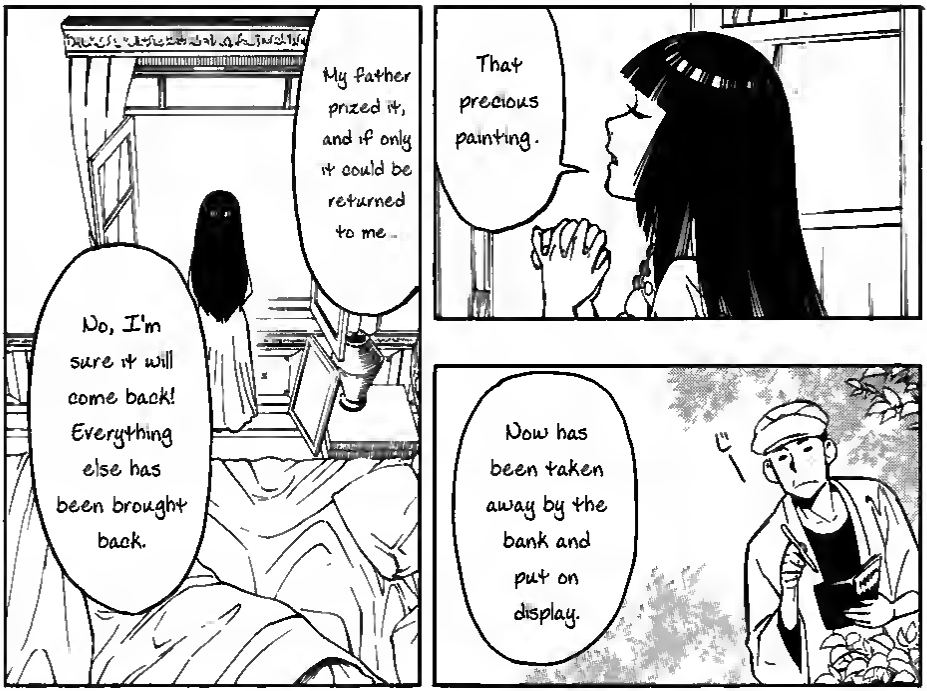
The exit being.
With that manor's construction..

It's such a shame!


If only that were here with me...



It all belonged to my father, anyway!
THE OWNERS MUST BE SEARCHING FOR IT.
WELL, WHERE DID ALL THIS STUFF COME FROM?
Whatever for, Kiku-san?
OJOU-SAMA, SHOULDN'T WE REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE?
There can be no doubt!!
OJOU-SAMA...
Yes, I'm sure my father heard my plea.
Hear me!!
Father, please!
Father!!


My father prized it, and if only it could be returned to me...
No, I'm sure it will come back! Everything else has been brought back.
That precious painting.
Now has been taken away by the bank and put on display.

The painting will be returned in just the same way.
After all, I heard from Oyuki-san that the house...
.....
MEMO

OJOU-SAMA,
YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH LEAVING THE WINDOW OPEN ALL THE TIME.
パタン
!!
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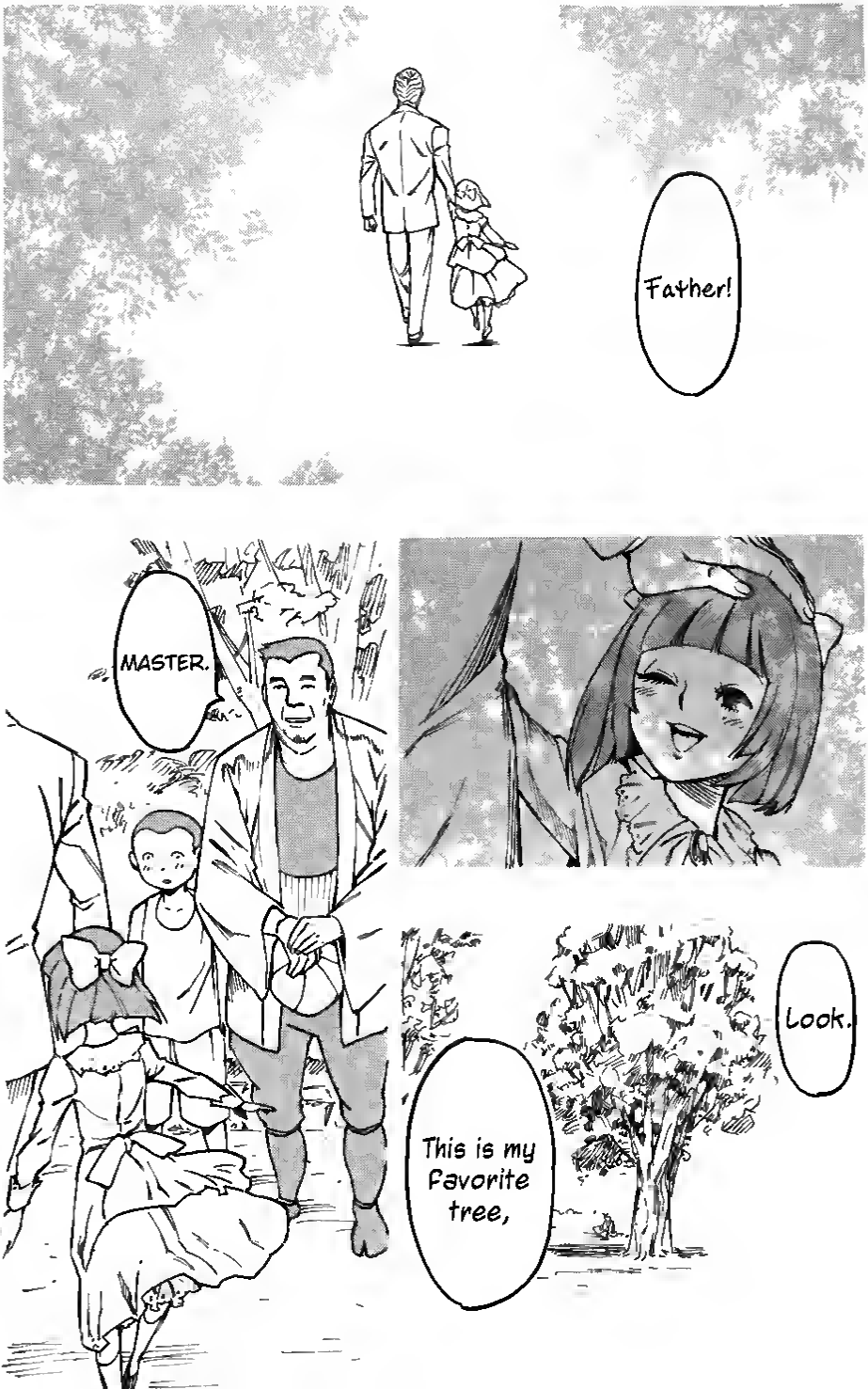
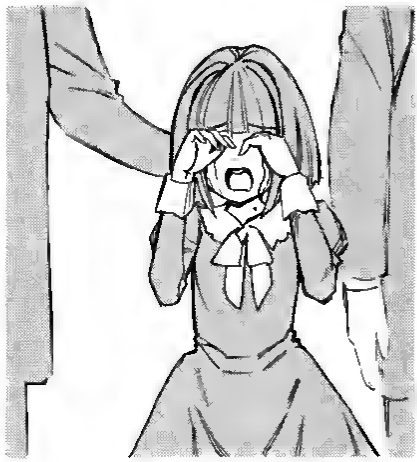
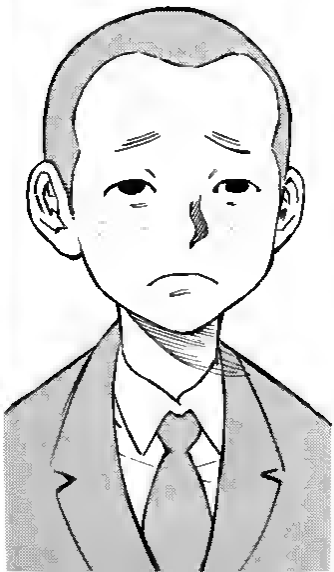
OJOU-SAMA...
WHY DO I KEEP DOING THIS?
I'M JUST A GARDENER. I HAVE NO BUSINESS STEALING THINGS...
BUT...
AM I JUST CALLING FOR MY OWN DESTRUCTION BY PLAYING HER GAMES?
WILL COMMITTING SIN AFTER SIN REALLY BRING HER HAPPINESS?

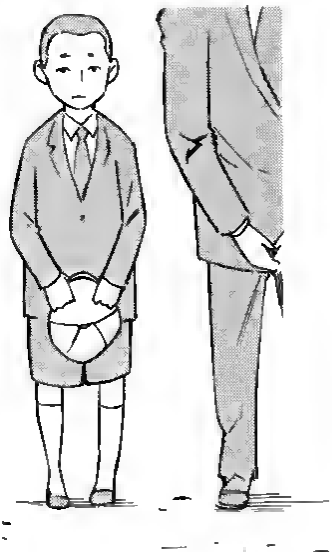

Father!
MASTER.
Look.
This is my favorite tree,

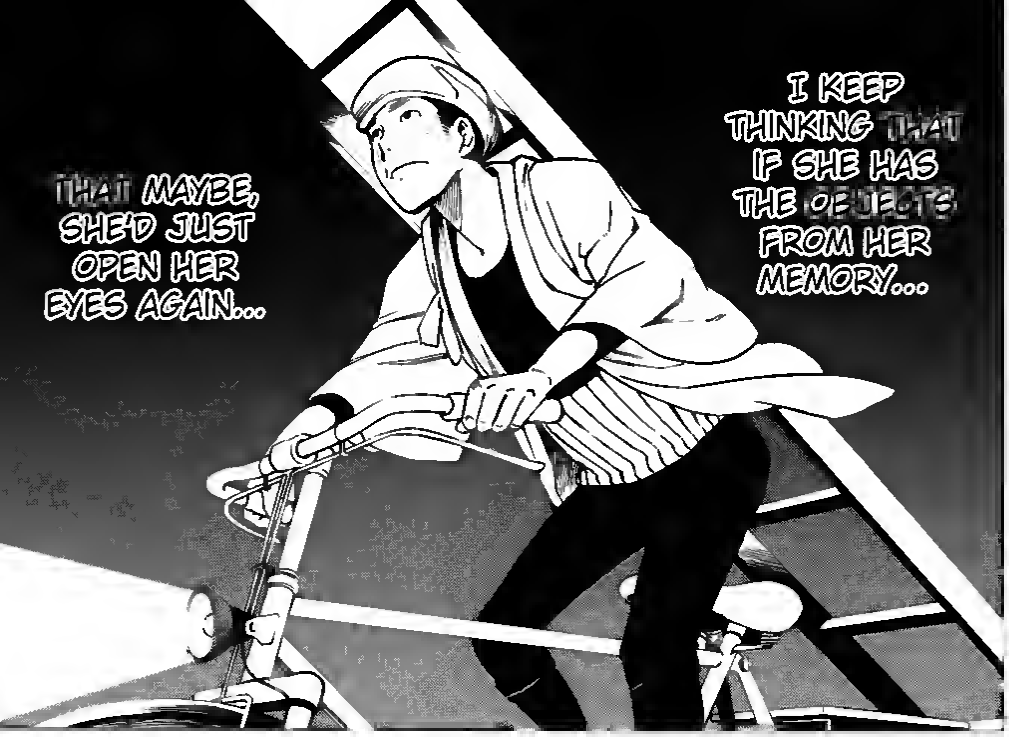
Father~



HOW DID SHE LOSE THE ABILITY TO SEE ANYTHING?





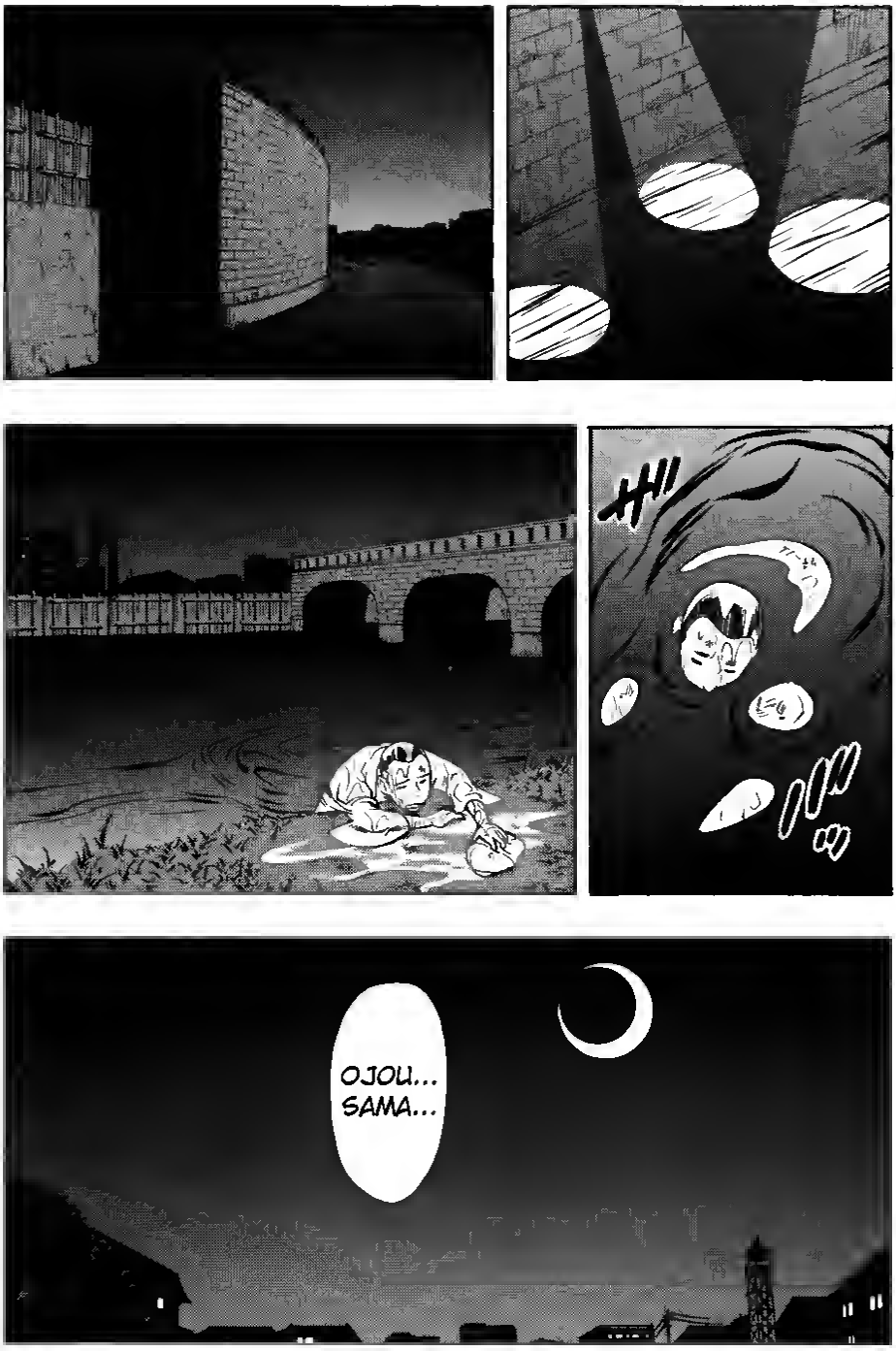

I KEEP THINKING THAT IF SHE HAS THE OBJECTS FROM HER MEMORY...
THAT MAYBE, SHE'D JUST OPEN HER EYES AGAIN...

AND GAZE UPON THAT TREE AND THE GARDEN...

MAYBE I CAN GET IN THROUGH HERE.
NRRGH!!

WHO'S THERE?!
OH NO!
CRAP!
AGH!

STOP THERE!
THIEF!


OJOU...
SAMA...

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Ahh...
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What did you bring today?
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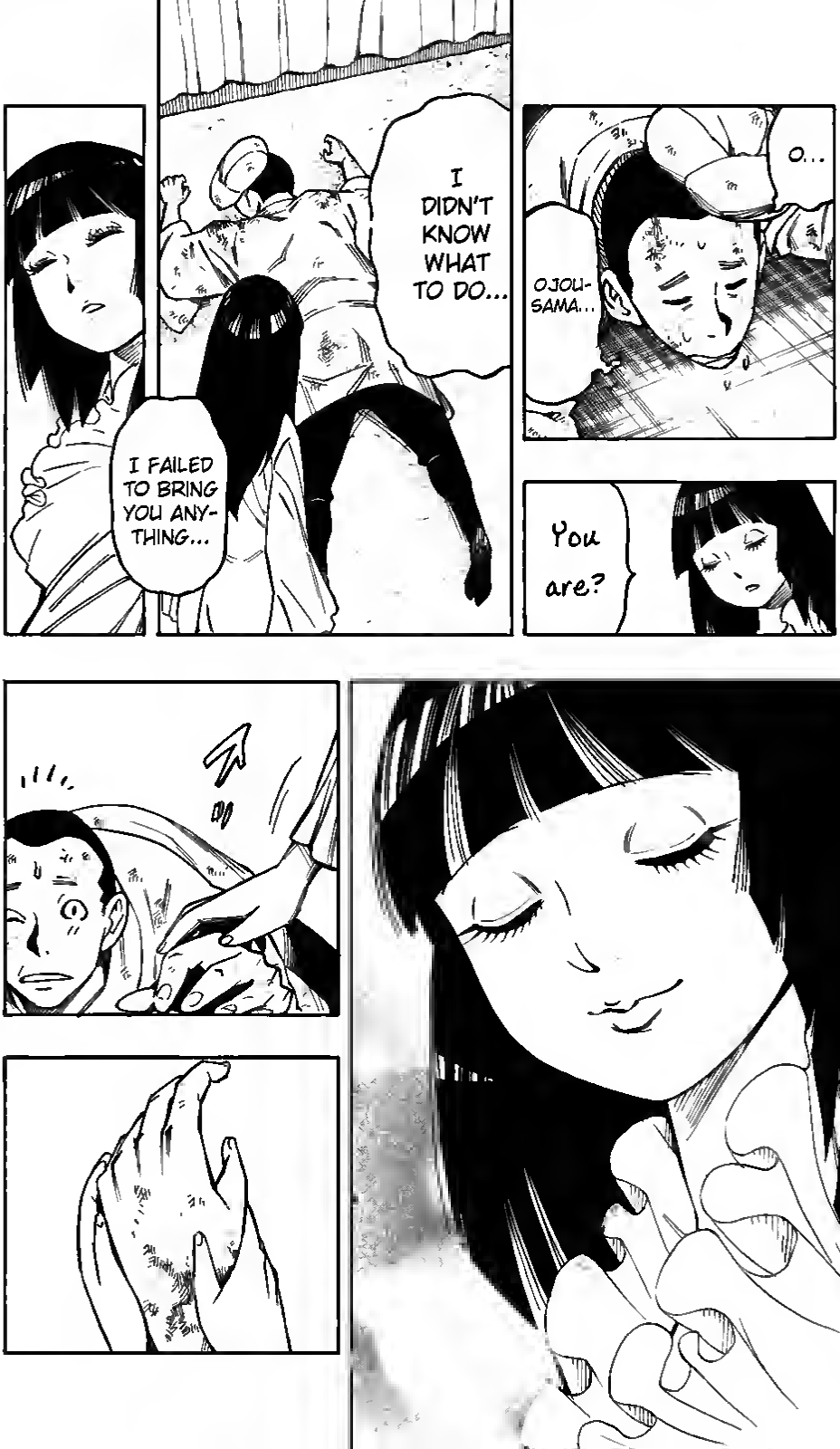
Are you the person who always comes?


I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
I FAILED TO BRING YOU ANY-THING...
O...
OJOU-SAMA...
You are?

It smells like the trees
Like my father's favorite tree...
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Please let me stay like this...
for a little while longer...

A terrible shame!
Oh, but it's a pity!
My father's beloved clock is locked away in the police chief's private office!
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It can be entered thusly..
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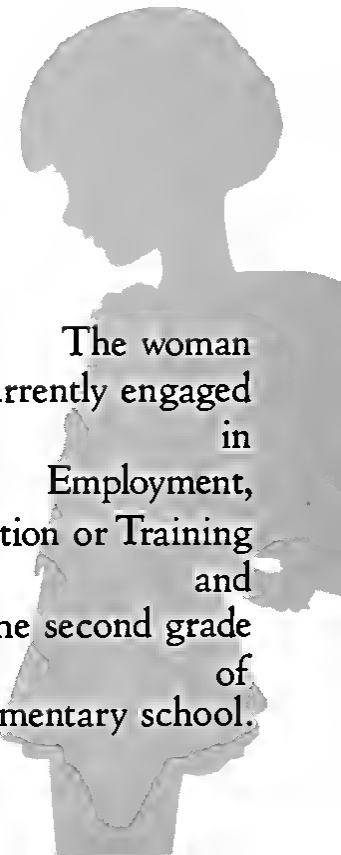
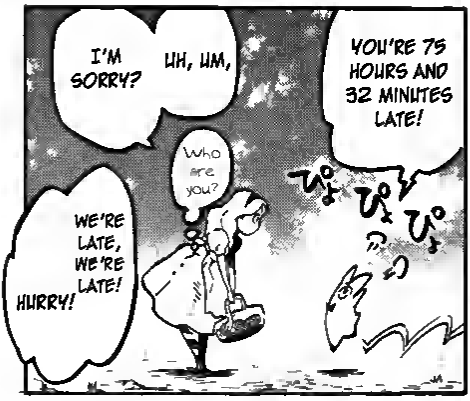


The woman
who is Not currently engaged
in
Employment,
Education or Training
and
the girl in the second grade
of
elementary school.

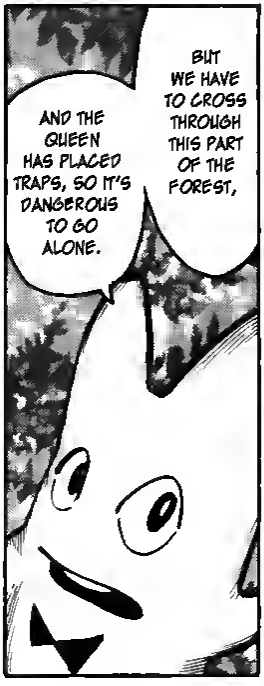
Ouroboros Drome


I'M SORRY?
UH, UM,
YOU'RE 75 HOURS AND 32 MINUTES LATE!
Who are you?
WE'RE LATE, WE'RE LATE! HURRY!

OH! MARICA! YOU FINALLY CAME!

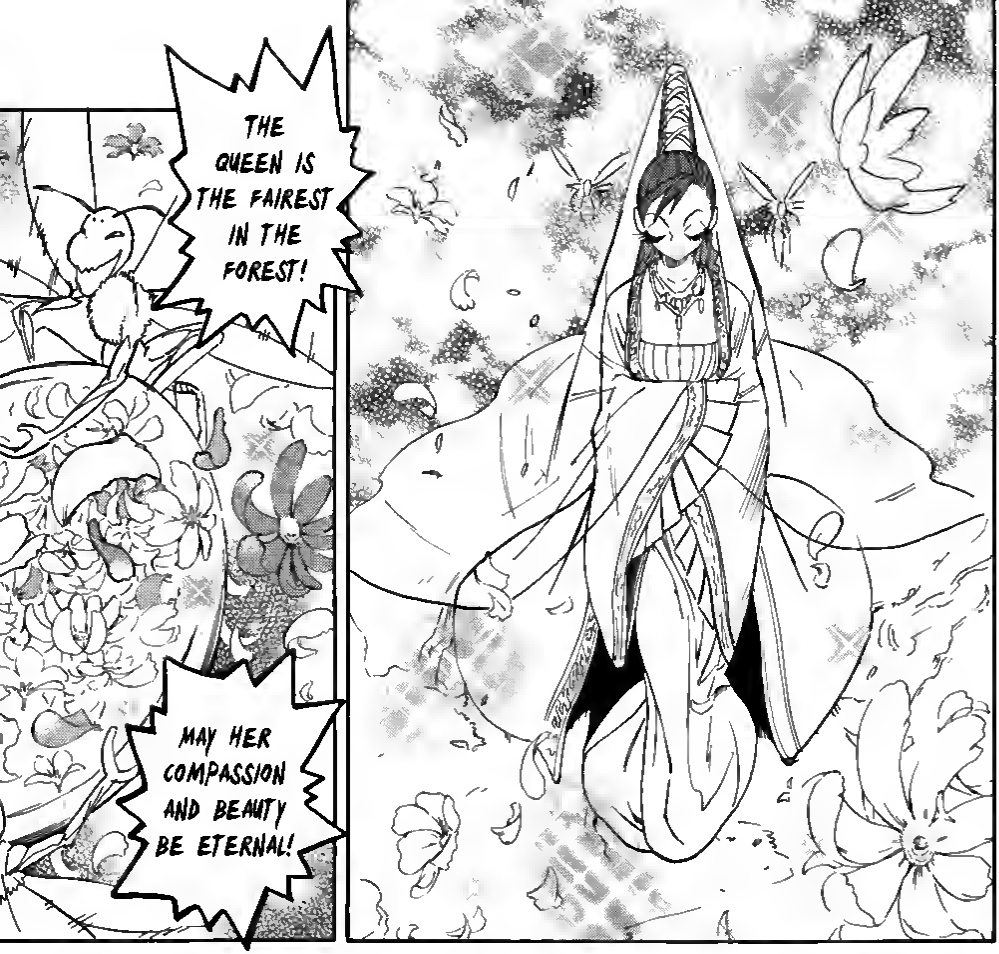
How does he know my name?
HURRY TO WHERE, MR. BUNNY?

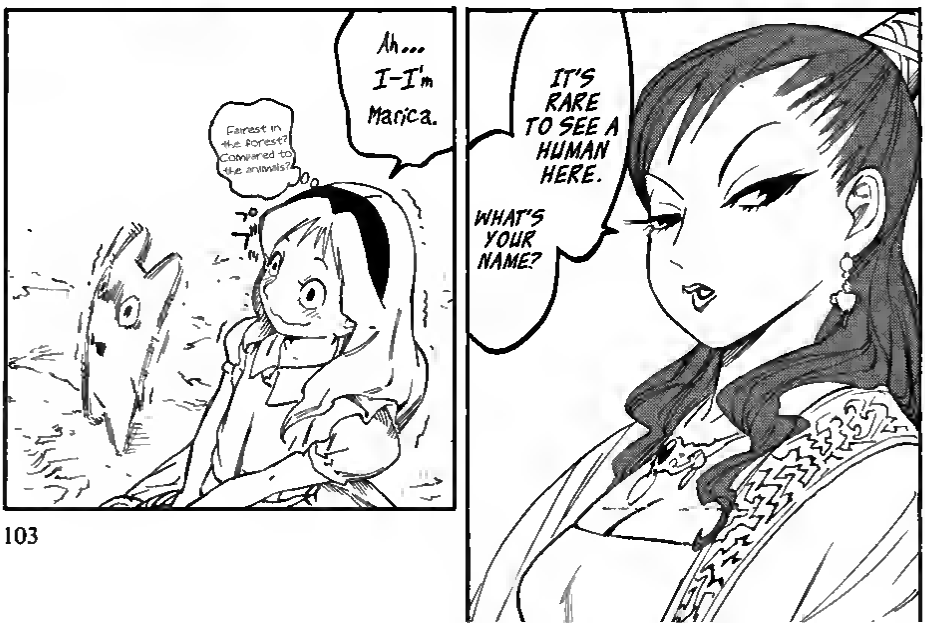
THE QUEEN... IS SHE SCARY?
HER GOONS ARE.
THEY'RE A REAL PAIN.

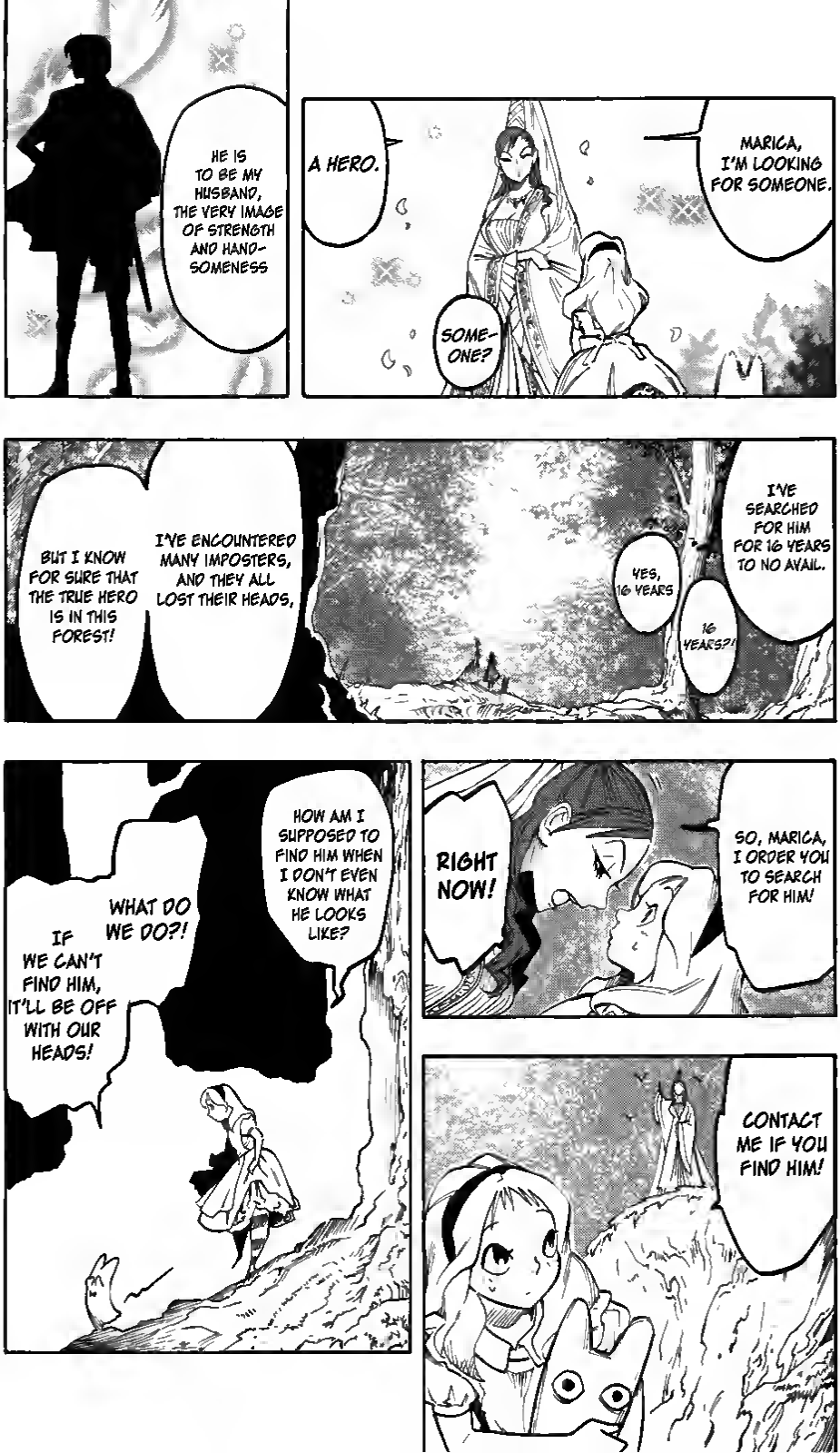

BUT WE HAVE TO CROSS THROUGH THIS PART OF THE FOREST,
AND THE QUEEN HAS PLACED TRAPS, SO IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE.

DID YOU FORGET, MARICA? THE CAKE PARTY, OF WE WERE ALL GOING COURSE! TO HAVE IT TOGETHER.
IN THE FIELD, WEST OF THE FOREST.
"WE"?
YEAH, EVERY-ONE!

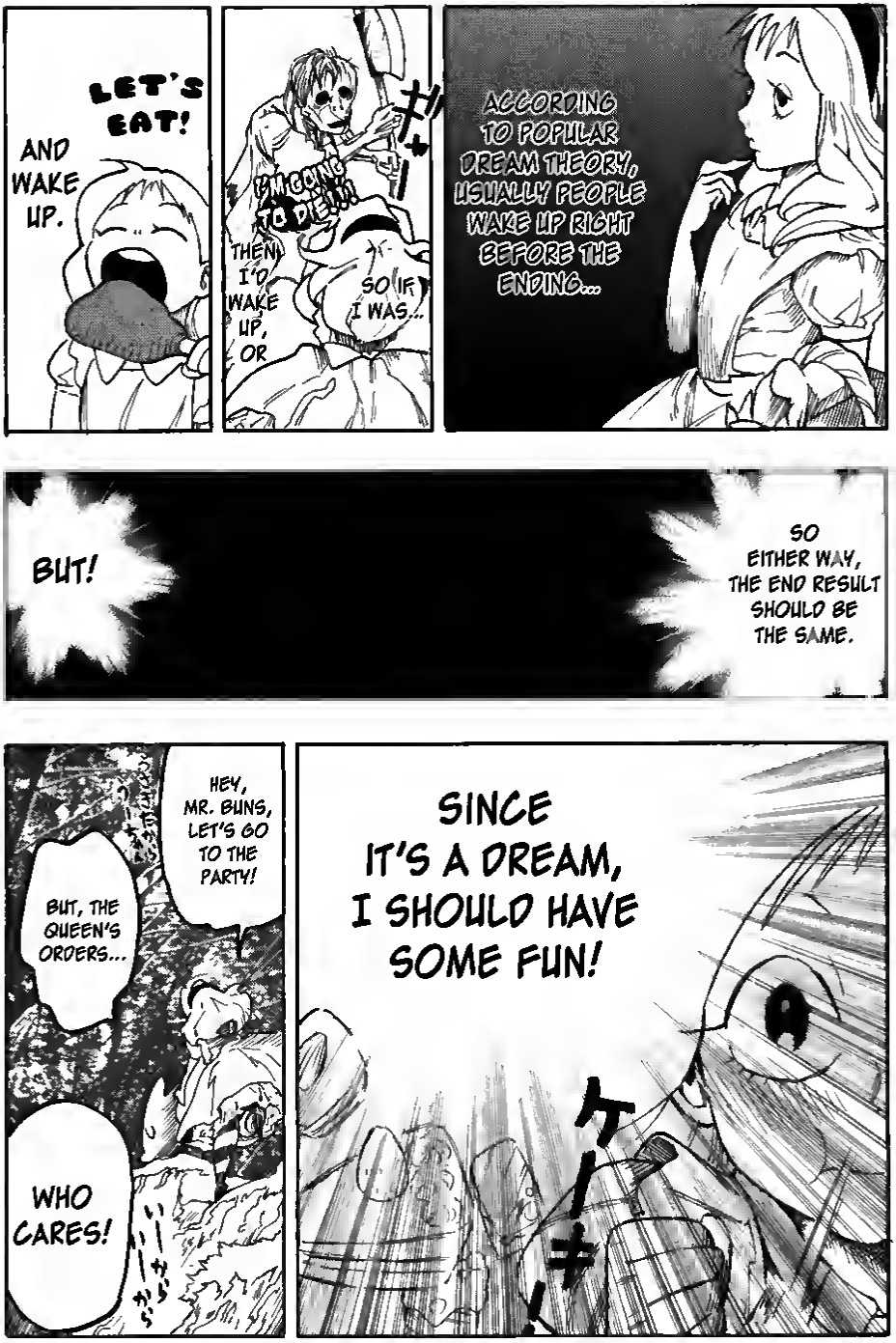
Bunny. Queen. This sounds familiar.
And this Bunny acts like he knows me.
QUEEEEN~
QUEEEEN~
Uh oh...
Looks like we're too late.
THEY'RE CALLING THE QUEEN.
SHE'S HEEEERE~
W-W-W-WE HAVE TO...
GET OUT OF HERE!!


THE QUEEN IS THE FAIREST IN THE FOREST!
MAY HER COMPASSION AND BEAUTY BE ETERNAL!


Ah... I-I'm Marica.
Fairest in the forest? Compared to the animals?
IT'S RARE TO SEE A HUMAN HERE.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?


HE IS TO BE MY HUSBAND, THE VERY IMAGE OF STRENGTH AND HANDSOMENESS
MARICA, I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.
A HERO.
SOMEONE?
I'VE SEARCHED FOR HIM FOR 16 YEARS TO NO AVAIL.
YES, 16 YEARS
16 YEARS?!
I'VE ENCOUNTERED MANY IMPOSTERS, AND THEY ALL LOST THEIR HEADS,
BUT I KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE TRUE HERO IS IN THIS FOREST!
SO, MARICA, I ORDER YOU TO SEARCH FOR HIM!
RIGHT NOW!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIND HIM WHEN I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE?
WHAT DO WE DO?!
IF WE CAN'T FIND HIM, IT'LL BE OFF WITH OUR HEADS!
CONTACT ME IF YOU FIND HIM!

THIS COULD BE...
A DREAM!
I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING.
THAT IS..
LET'S THINK LOGICALLY...
I HAVE TWO CHOICES:
1) Go to the party
2) Search for the hero
NOW, HOW CAN I WAKE UP FROM THIS DREAM?
IN FACT, I'M SURE I'VE READ A STORY LIKE THIS BEFORE...
IT ISN'T QUITE THE SAME, BUT IT'S PRETTY CLOSE.


LET'S EAT!
AND WAKE UP.
I'M GOING TO DIE!!!
THEN I'D WAKE UP, OR
SO IF I WAS...
ACCORDING TO POPULAR DREAM THEORY, USUALLY PEOPLE WAKE UP RIGHT BEFORE THE ENDING...
BUT!
SO EITHER WAY, THE END RESULT SHOULD BE THE SAME.
HEY, MR. BUNS, LET'S GO TO THE PARTY!
BUT, THE QUEEN'S ORDERS...
WHO CARES!
SINCE IT'S A DREAM, I SHOULD HAVE SOME FUN!
ケーキ!

LET'S GO!
EVERYONE IS WAITING, RIGHT?
No idea who "everyone" is though.
IF IT'S A DREAM, I CAN EAT AS MUCH AS I WANT WITHOUT GETTING FAT!
WHAT?
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
AAA AH!!
IT'S HIM!!!
HIM WHO?
RUN!!!

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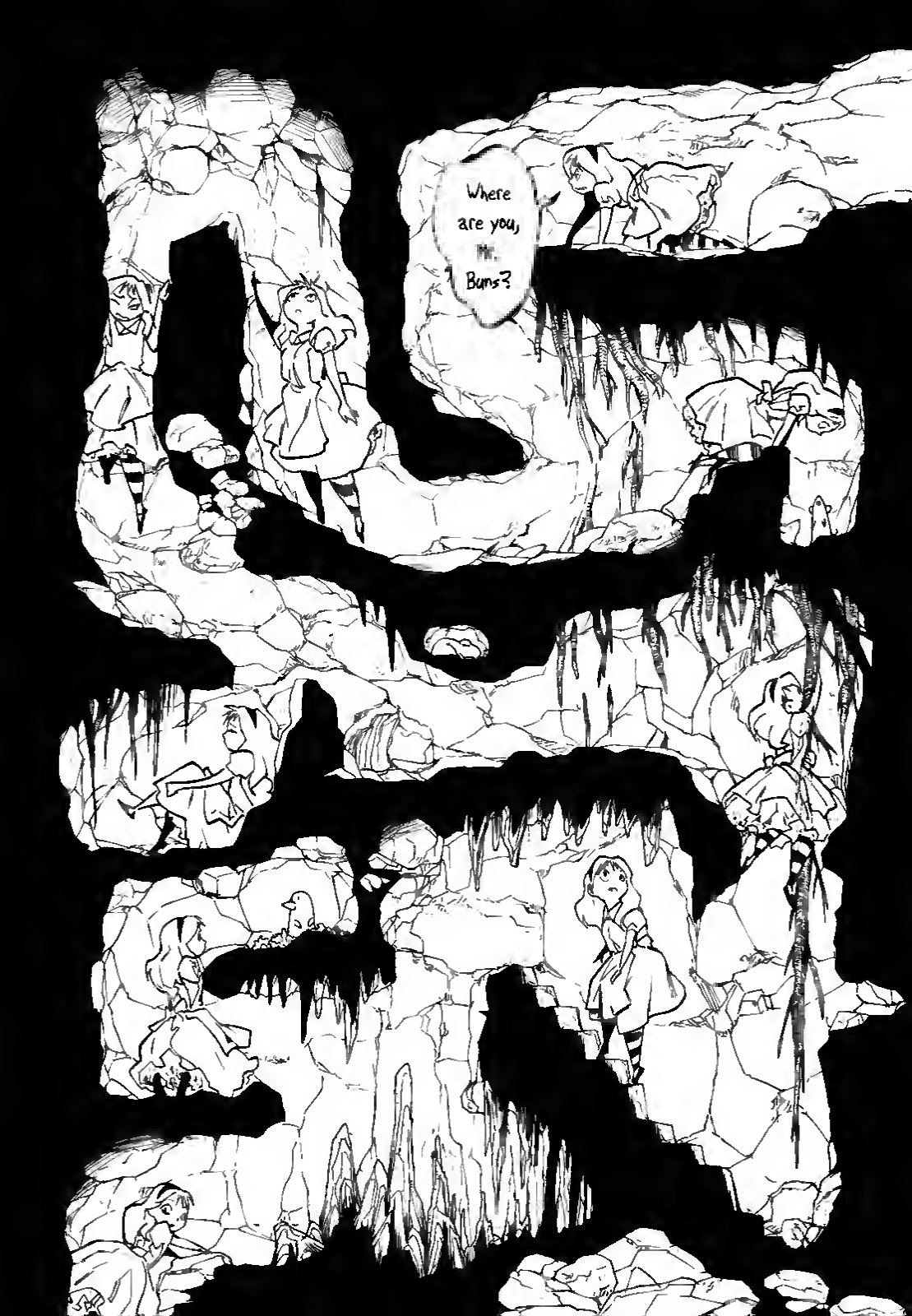
MR. BUNS, WAIT!


Where are you, Mr. Bums?

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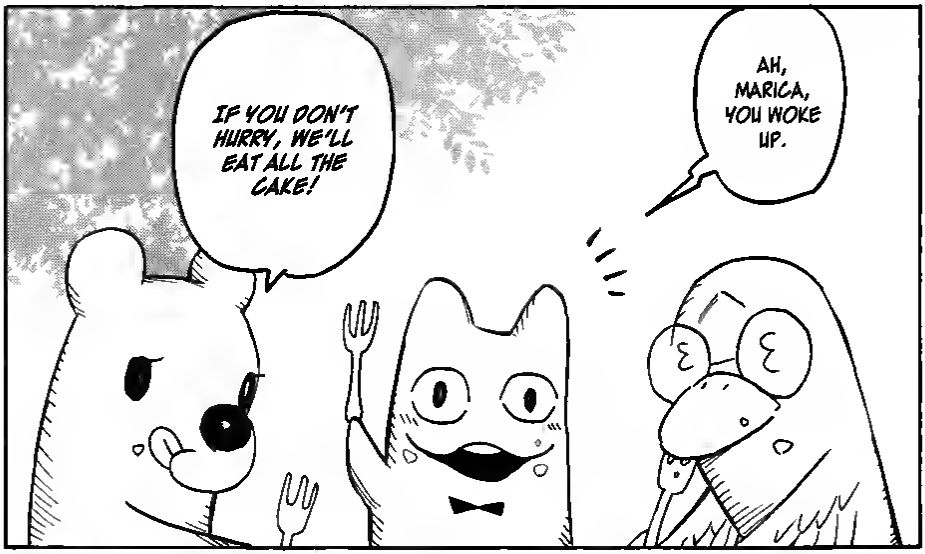
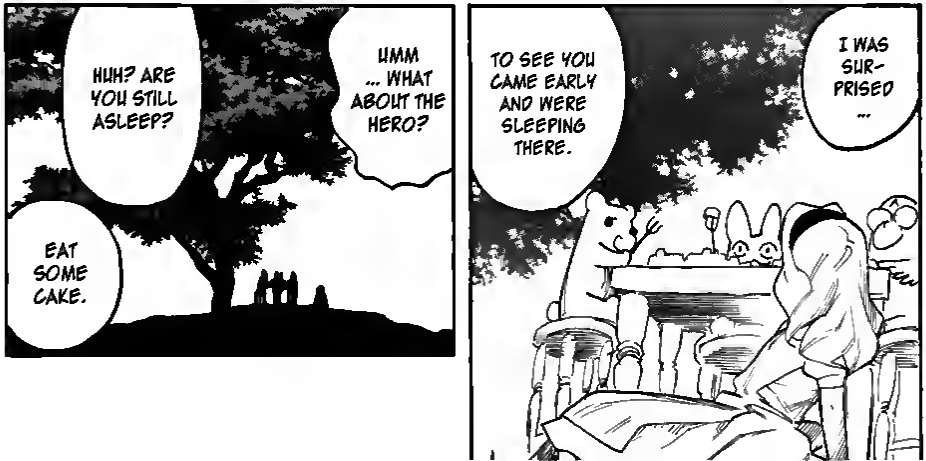
AH!
HUH?

HOLD ON!
A HERO?
HIS WARM HANDS AND GENTLE VOICE...
I HAVE TO TELL THE QUEEN...

By the way, did you hear about the girl from the next town?
Wa haha!
Yeah, I know!
Ooh, this cream is good!


IF YOU DON'T HURRY, WE'LL EAT ALL THE CAKE!
AH, MARICA, YOU WOKE UP.


HUH? ARE YOU STILL ASLEEP?
UMM ... WHAT ABOUT THE HERO?
EAT SOME CAKE.
TO SEE YOU CAME EARLY AND WERE SLEEPING THERE.
I WAS SUR-PRISED ...

WOW!!
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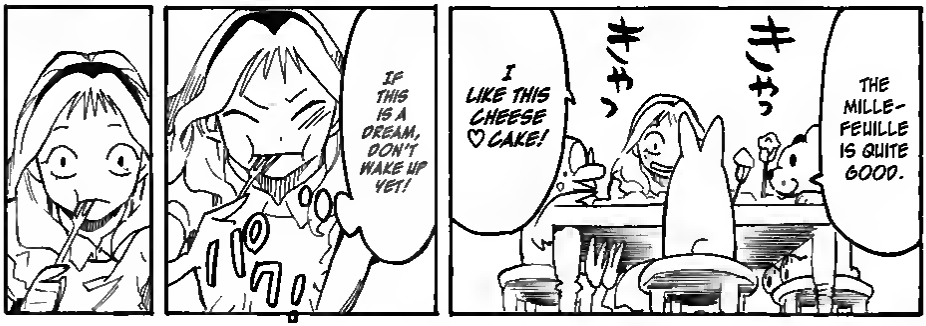
THE MILLE-FEUILLE IS QUITE GOOD.
キノっ
I LIKE THIS CHEESE ♡CAKE!
キノっ
IF THIS IS A DREAM, DON'T WAKE UP YET!

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SO GOOO OD!!
ね
YEAH!
EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
IT'S GOOD, RIGHT?
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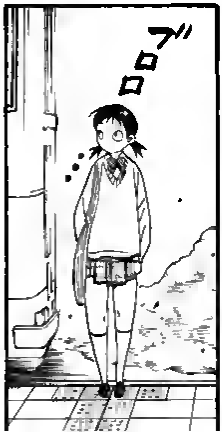
IT WAS A DREAM!!
AT LEAST LET ME HAVE ONE MORE BITE!!

NEXT STOP, NISHIMORI HIGH SCHOOL.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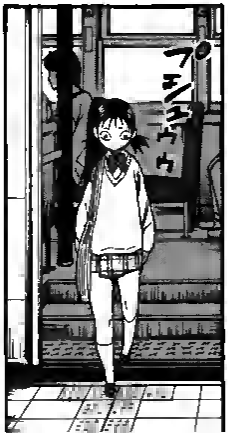
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MR. BUNS.
AH.
THAT WAS A PRETTY WEIRD DREAM. IF I WANT TO BE A WRITER, I NEED TO COME UP WITH BETTER STUFF.
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OH, MARI-CA!
ねえねえ
THERE'S A NEW CAKE STORE BY THE TRAIN STATION!
LET'S GO SOME-TIME!
I SEE...
SO THAT MEANS...

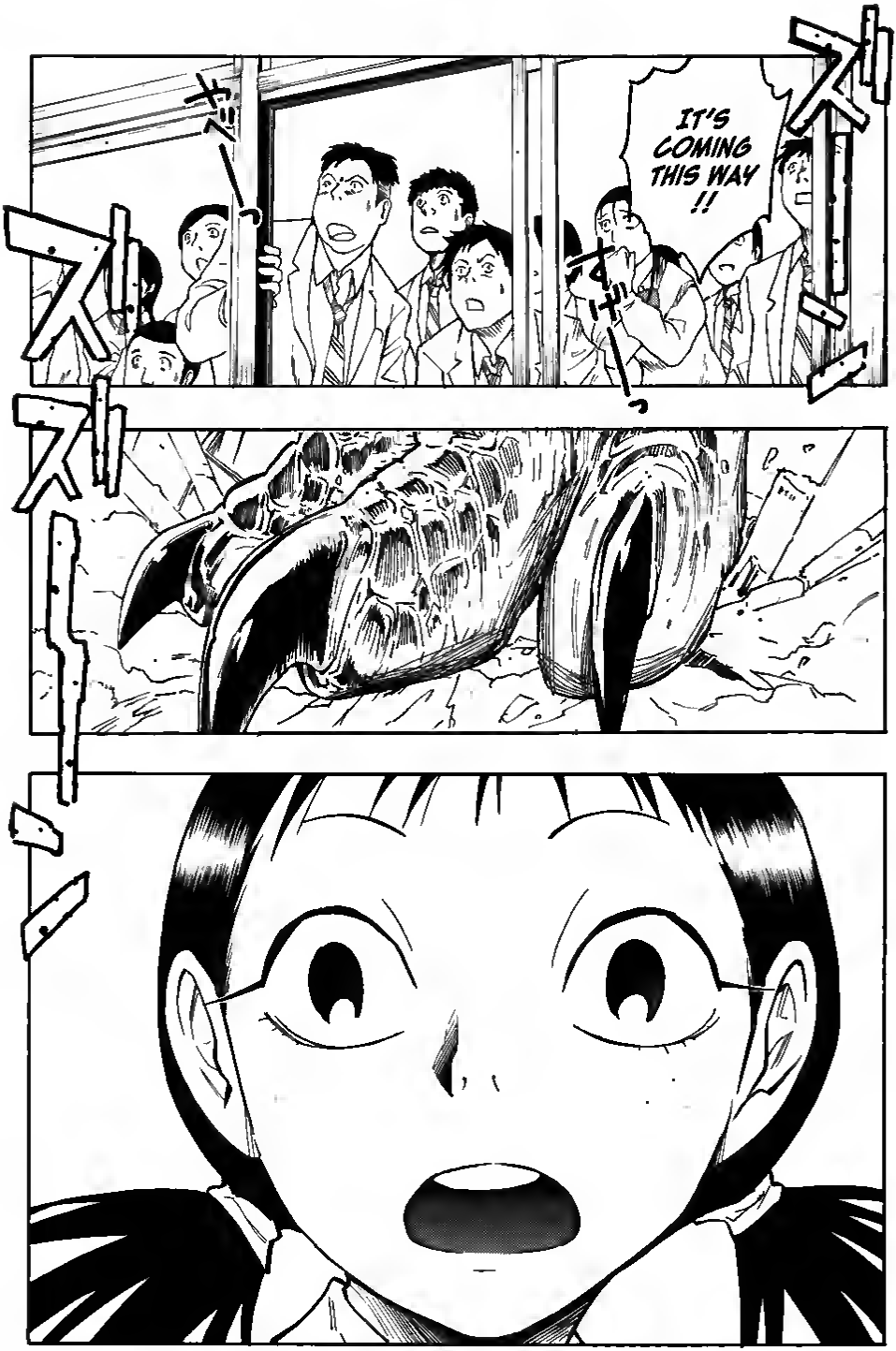
MIKA, ARE YOU REALLY GONNA DUMP TAKU-YA?
ISN'T HE PRETTY COOL?
THE QUEEN AND HER GOONS MUST BE...
EH? REALLY?
HE'S A LAZY BUM JUST TRYING TO SHOW OFF.
I WISH HE WOULD JUST DIE, REALLY.
YOUR EXPECTATIONS ARE SO HIGH, MIKA!
BUT AS CUTE AS YOU ARE, I GUESS YOU CAN AIM HIGH.
YEAH, WELL.

THEN, THE HERO IS...

WHAT'S UP, MARICA? YOU'RE KIND OF SPAC-ING OUT.
WHAT? NO, ER, IT'S NOTHING.

KOBA-YASHI-KUN...
I'VE NEVER EVEN NOTICED HIM BE-FORE...

MY IM-AGINATION? OR SOME HIDDEN FEAR?
HEY, WHAT IS THAT?
SO, THEN, WHAT WAS "THAT" THING?
WHAT THE HECK?!
IS IT CG?
HOLY CRAP!
TAKE A PIC! QUICK!


IT'S COMING THIS WAY !!

TRUTH IS STRANGER...
THAN FICTION.

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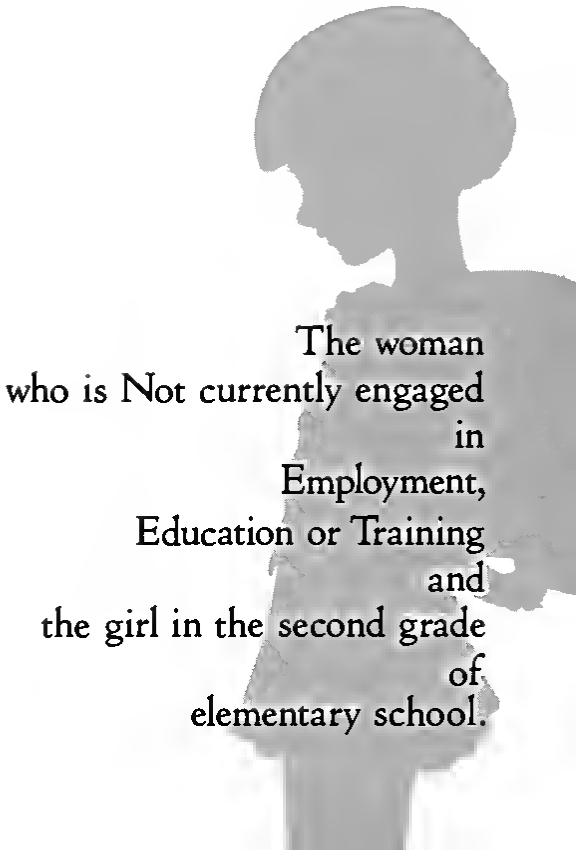

The woman
who is Not currently engaged
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the girl in the second grade
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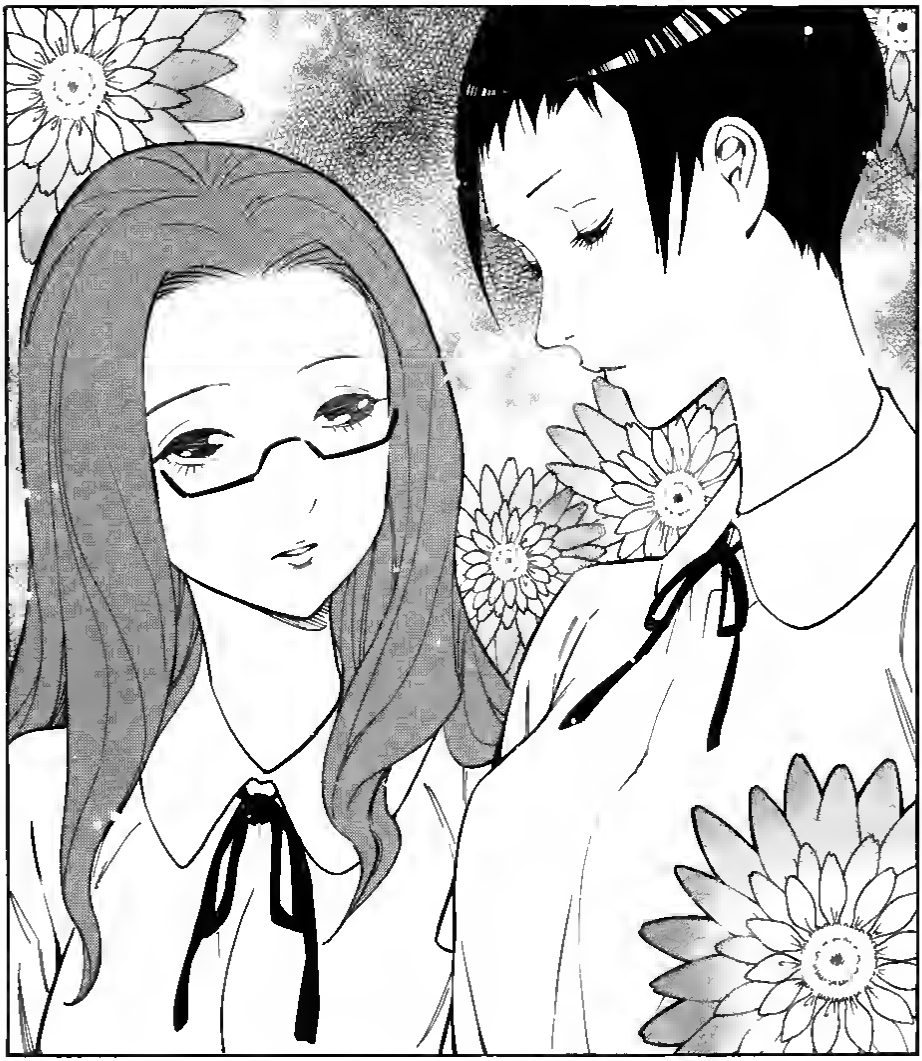
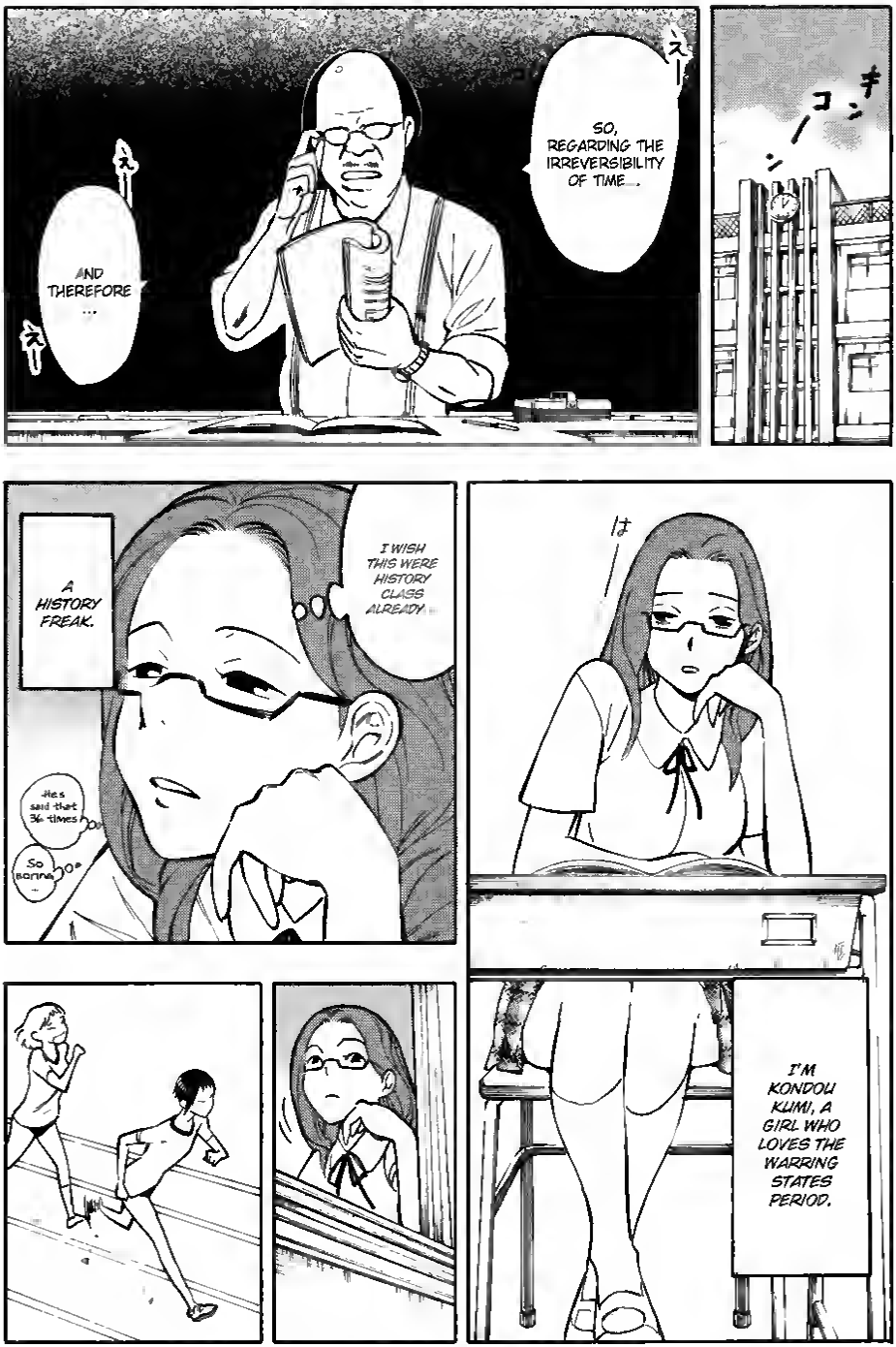
Our Secret

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SO, REGARDING THE IRREVERSIBILITY OF TIME...
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AND THEREFORE ...
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A HISTORY FREAK.
I WISH THIS WERE HISTORY CLASS ALREADY.
He's said that 36 times!
So boring...
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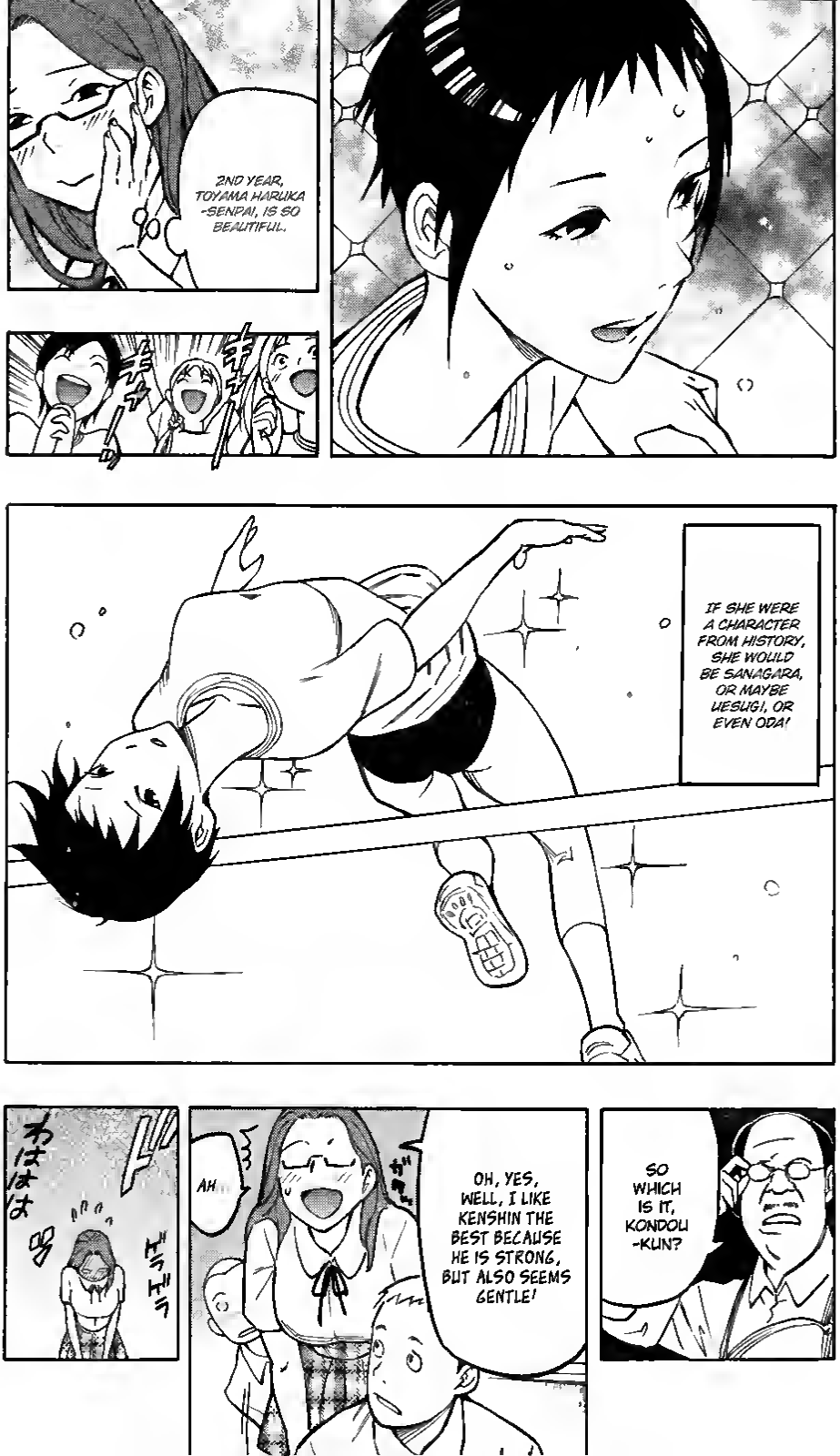
I'M KONDOU KUMI, A GIRL WHO LOVES THE WARRING STATES PERIOD.


2ND YEAR, TOYAMA HARUKA -SENPAI, IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
IF SHE WERE A CHARACTER FROM HISTORY, SHE WOULD BE SANAGARA, OR MAYBE UESUGI, OR EVEN ODA!
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AH
OH, YES, WELL, I LIKE KENSHIN THE BEST BECAUSE HE IS STRONG, BUT ALSO SEEMS GENTLE!
SO WHICH IS IT, KONDOU -KUN?

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GOOD GRADES, GOOD PERSONALITY, POPULAR...
BUT HARUKA-SENPAI IS AMAZING IN EVERY WAY.
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I'M SO LAME...
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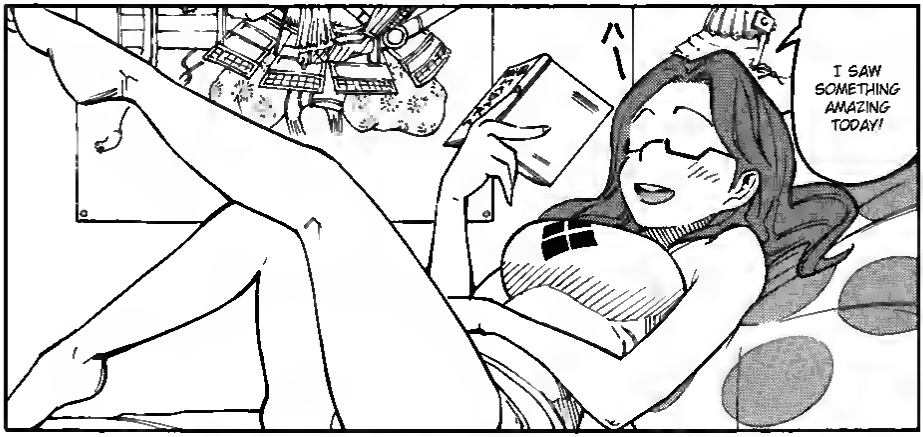
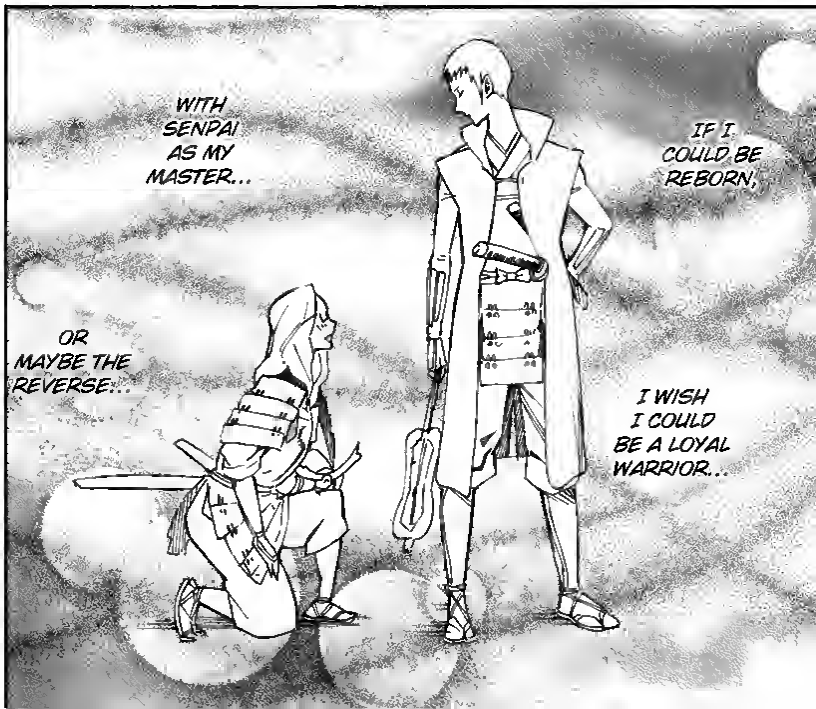
HEY, EMPTY YOUR POCKETS!!
HARUKA -SENPAI!
GET LOST, YA WHORE!
STOP IT!

I COULDA SWORN
HM?


I SAW SOMETHING AMAZING TODAY!

WHY WAS I BORN IN SUCH A BORING TIME?


WITH SENPAI AS MY MASTER...
IF I COULD BE REBORN,
OR MAYBE THE REVERSE...
I WISH I COULD BE A LOYAL WARRIOR...

KNOCK IT OFF, KUMI!!!
GOD OF WAR, I PRAY TO THEE, LET ME BE REBORN IN THE WARRING STATES ERA!
SHE'S READING A WARRING STATES BOOK!!
ISN'T THAT HARUKA-SENPAI?!
MAYBE I'LL GO TO THE BOOK STORE
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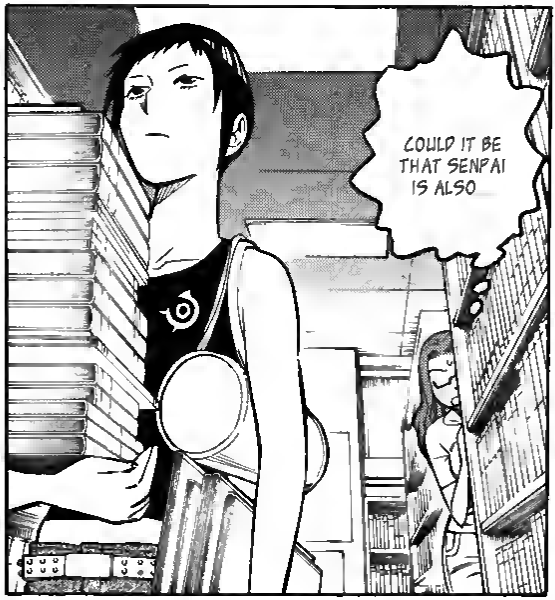
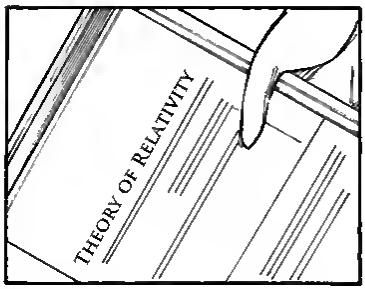
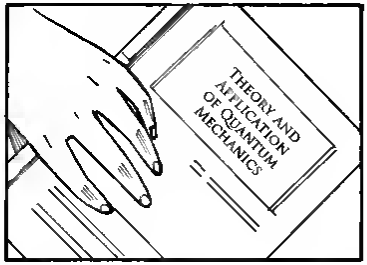
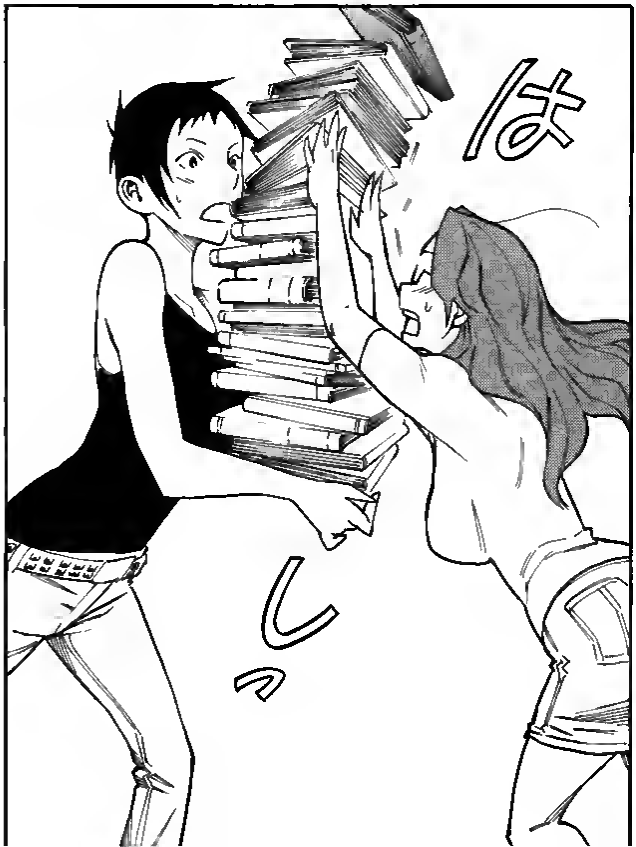

COULD IT BE THAT SENPAI IS ALSO


THEORY OF RELATIVITY


THEORY AND APPLICATION OF QUANTUM MECHANICS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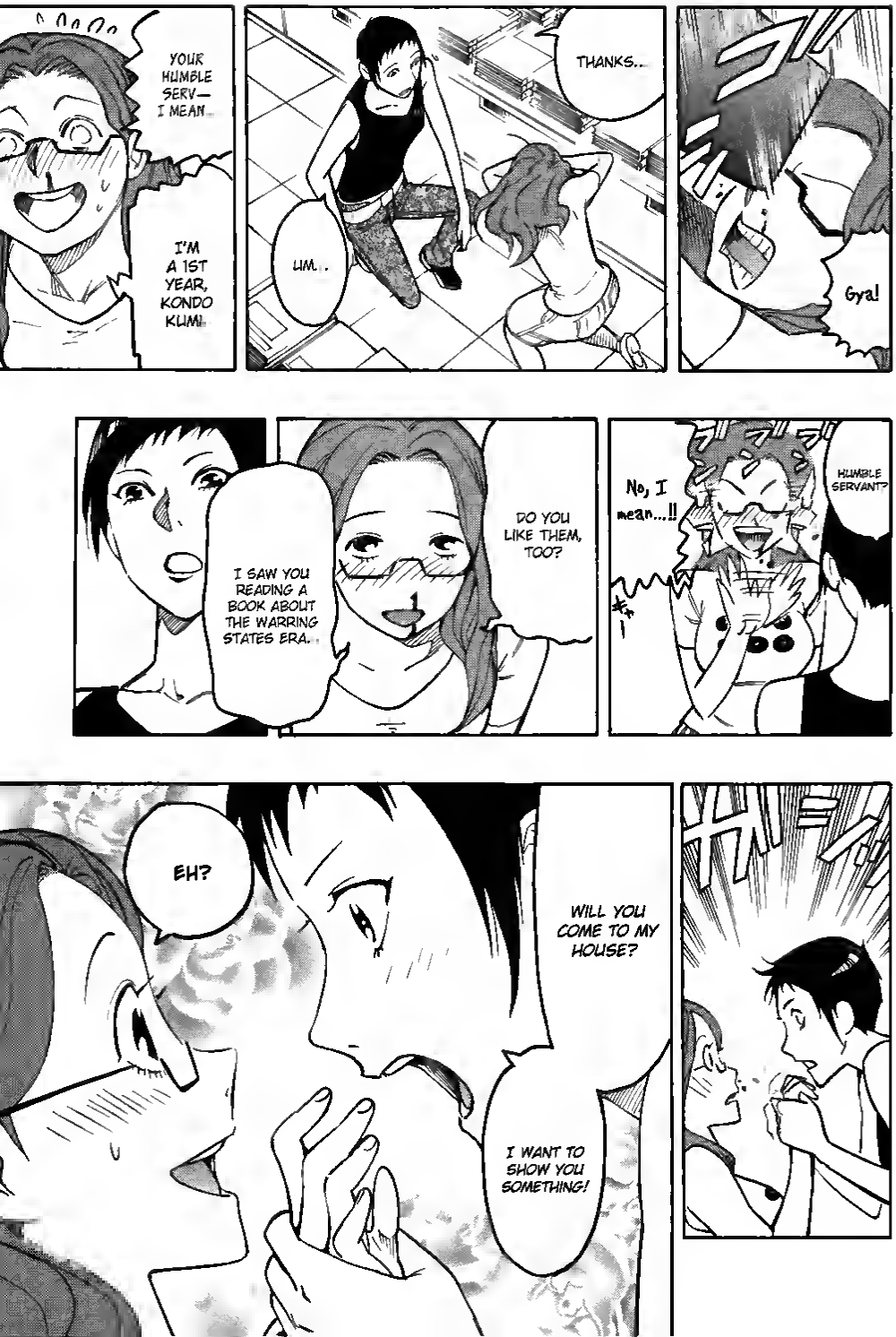
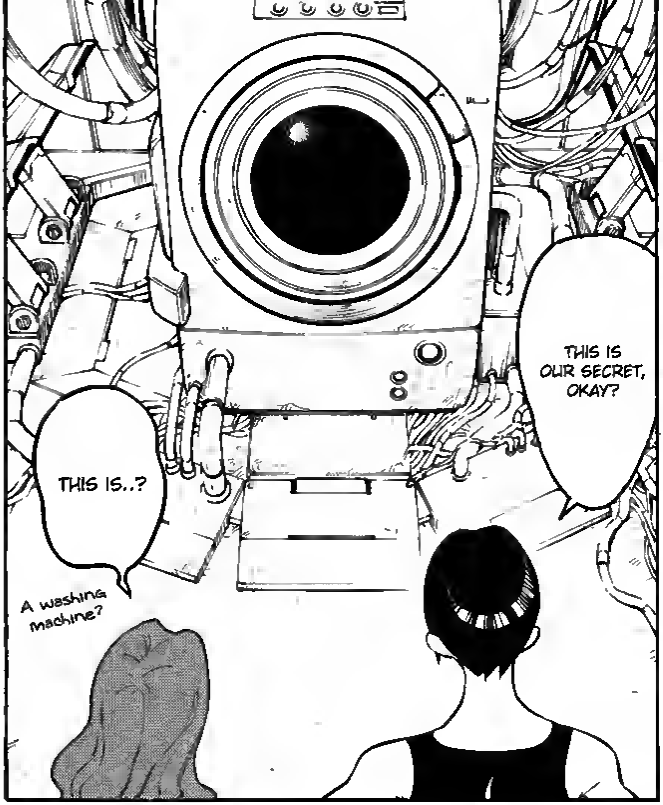
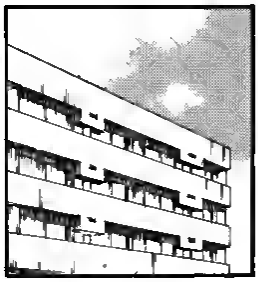
SENPAI, LOOK OUT!!

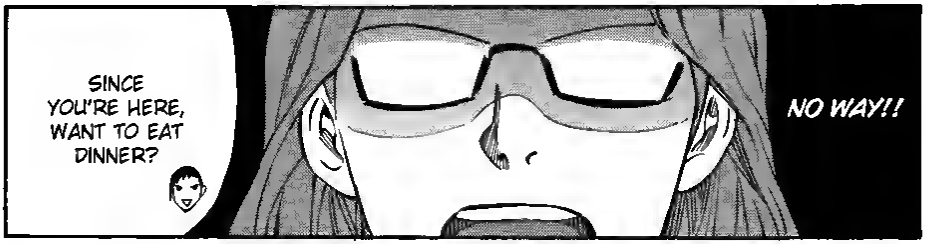

YOUR HUMBLE SERV— I MEAN...
I'M A 1ST YEAR, KONDO KUMI.
UM..
THANKS..
Gya!
I SAW YOU READING A BOOK ABOUT THE WARRING STATES ERA.
DO YOU LIKE THEM, TOO?
No, I mean...!!
HUMBLE SERVANT?
EH?
WILL YOU COME TO MY HOUSE?
I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

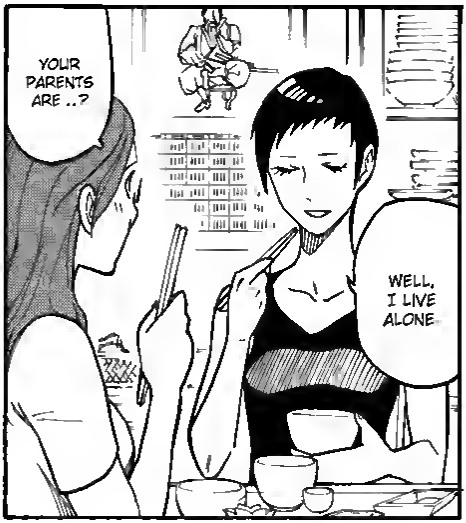


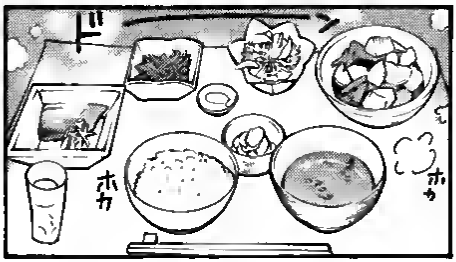


TL note: obvious pun on 'girl who leaps through time'

I LOVE THE SAMURAI WAY.
I WANT TO FINISH THIS MACHINE,
AND SEE HOW IT REALLY WAS IN THE PAST.


NO WAY!!
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WANT TO EAT DINNER?


YOUR PARENTS ARE ..?
WELL, I LIVE ALONE.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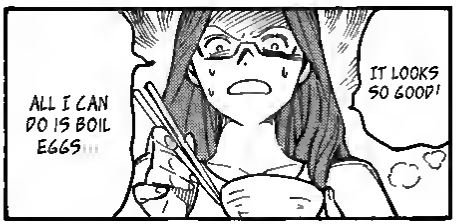
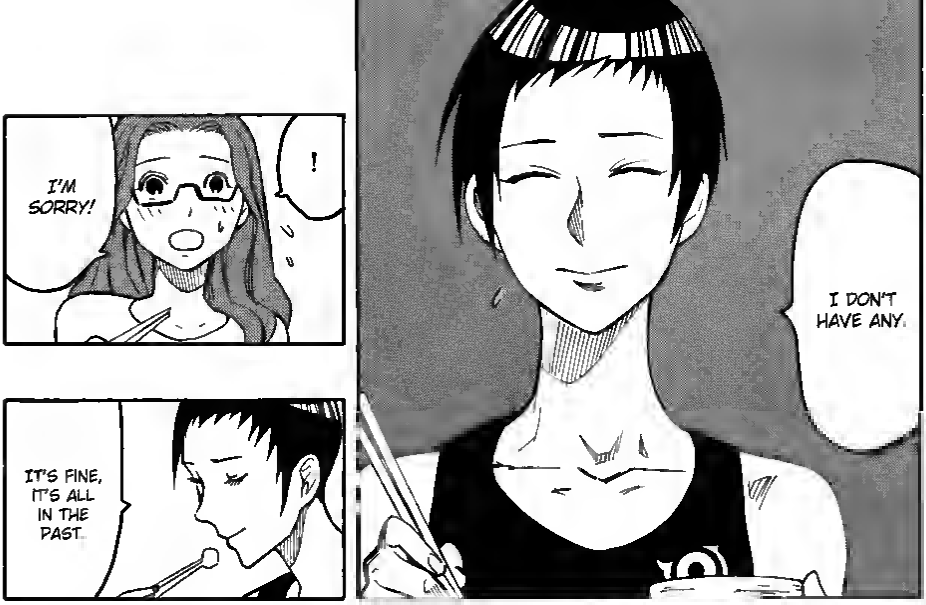

IT LOOKS SO GOOD!
ALL I CAN DO IS BOIL EGGS...


I'M SORRY!
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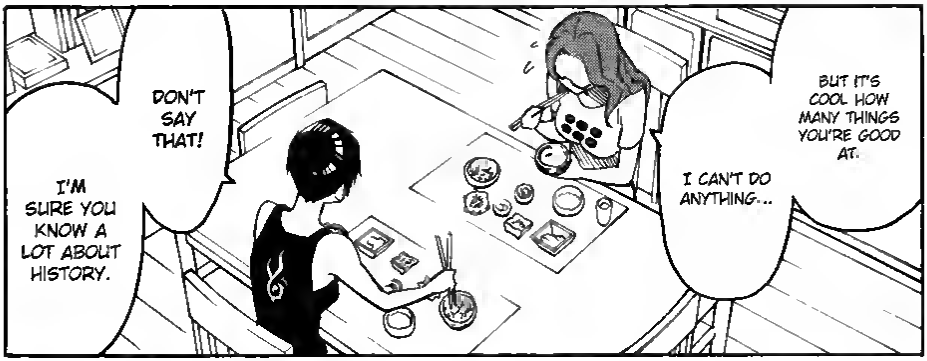
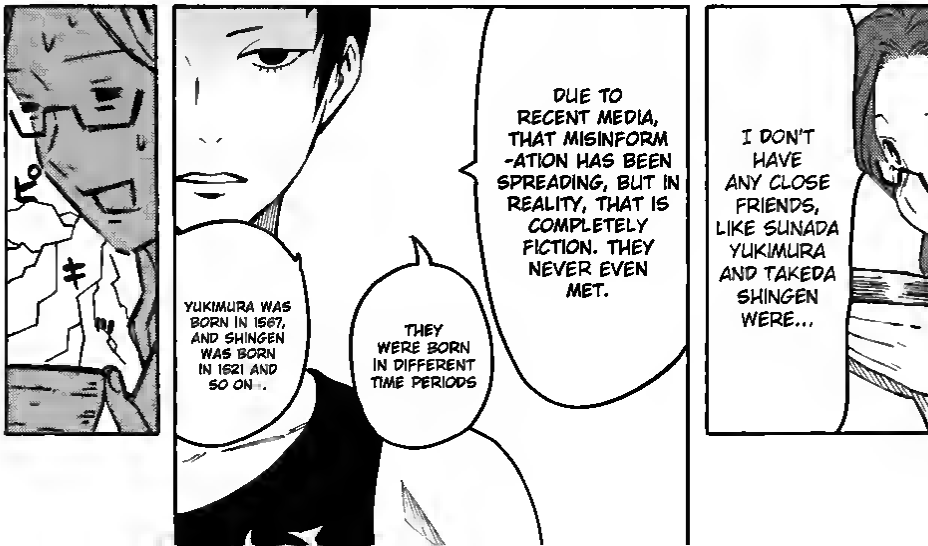
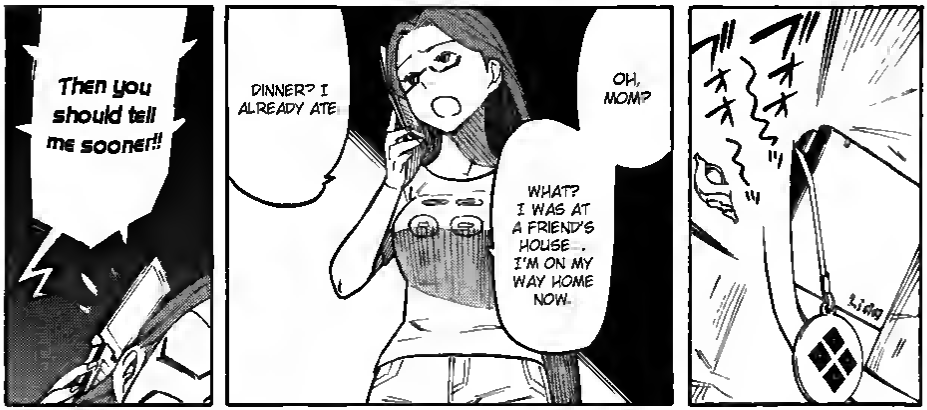
I DON'T HAVE ANY.
IT'S FINE, IT'S ALL IN THE PAST.


DON'T SAY THAT!
I'M SURE YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT HISTORY.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
BUT IT'S COOL HOW MANY THINGS YOU'RE GOOD AT.


YUKIMURA WAS BORN IN 1567, AND SHINGEN WAS BORN IN 1521 AND SO ON...
THEY WERE BORN IN DIFFERENT TIME PERIODS
DUE TO RECENT MEDIA, THAT MISINFORM -ATION HAS BEEN SPREADING, BUT IN REALITY, THAT IS COMPLETELY FICTION. THEY NEVER EVEN MET.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CLOSE FRIENDS, LIKE SUNADA YUKIMURA AND TAKEDA SHINGEN WERE...

I FEEL LIKE I'VE JUST BEEN PRETENDING TO BE A HISTORY FREAK...
HARUKA-SENPAI IS WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE...
SHE'S PERFECT
WOW...


Then you should tell me sooner!!
DINNER? I ALREADY ATE
OH, MOM?
WHAT? I WAS AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE. I'M ON MY WAY HOME NOW.
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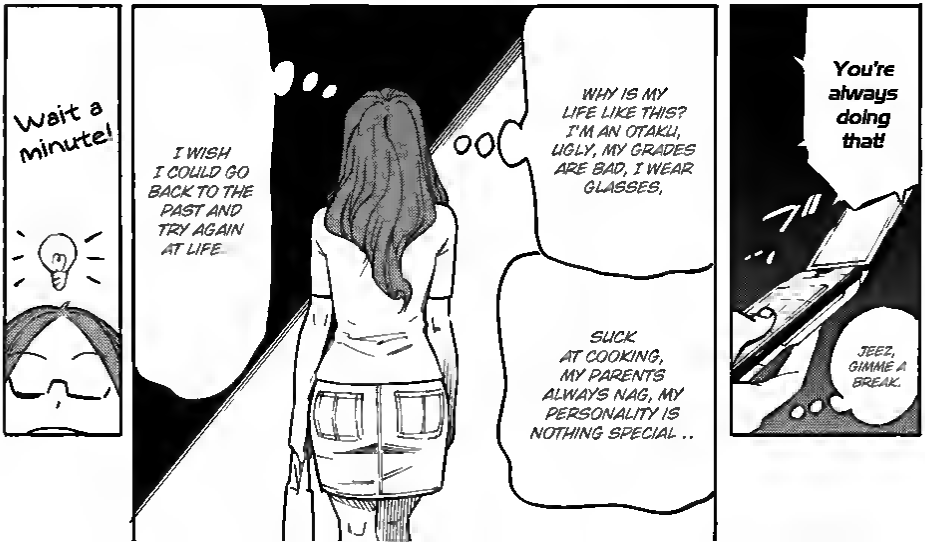
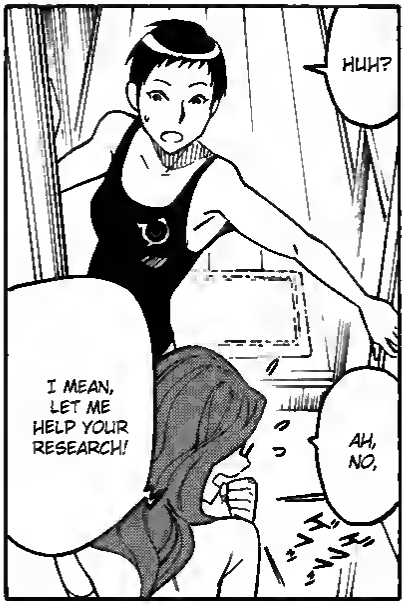
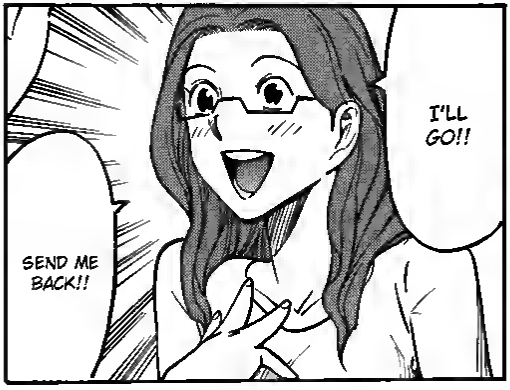
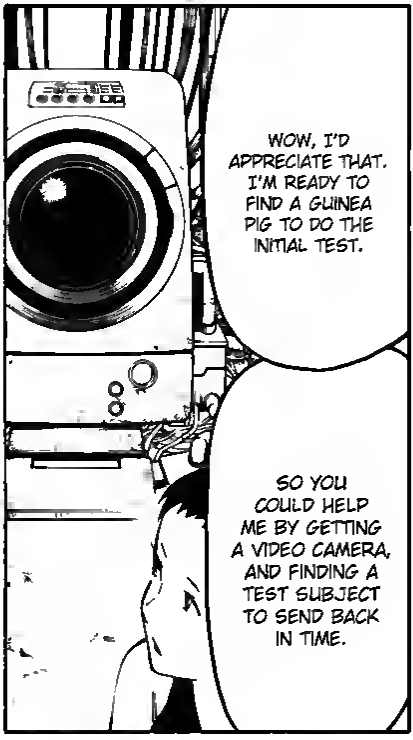

Wait a minute!
I WISH I COULD GO BACK TO THE PAST AND TRY AGAIN AT LIFE
WHY IS MY LIFE LIKE THIS? I'M AN OTAKU, UGLY, MY GRADES ARE BAD, I WEAR GLASSES,
SUCK AT COOKING, MY PARENTS ALWAYS NAG, MY PERSONALITY IS NOTHING SPECIAL..
You're always doing that!
JEEZ, GIMME A BREAK.


HUH?
I MEAN, LET ME HELP YOUR RESEARCH!
AH, NO,

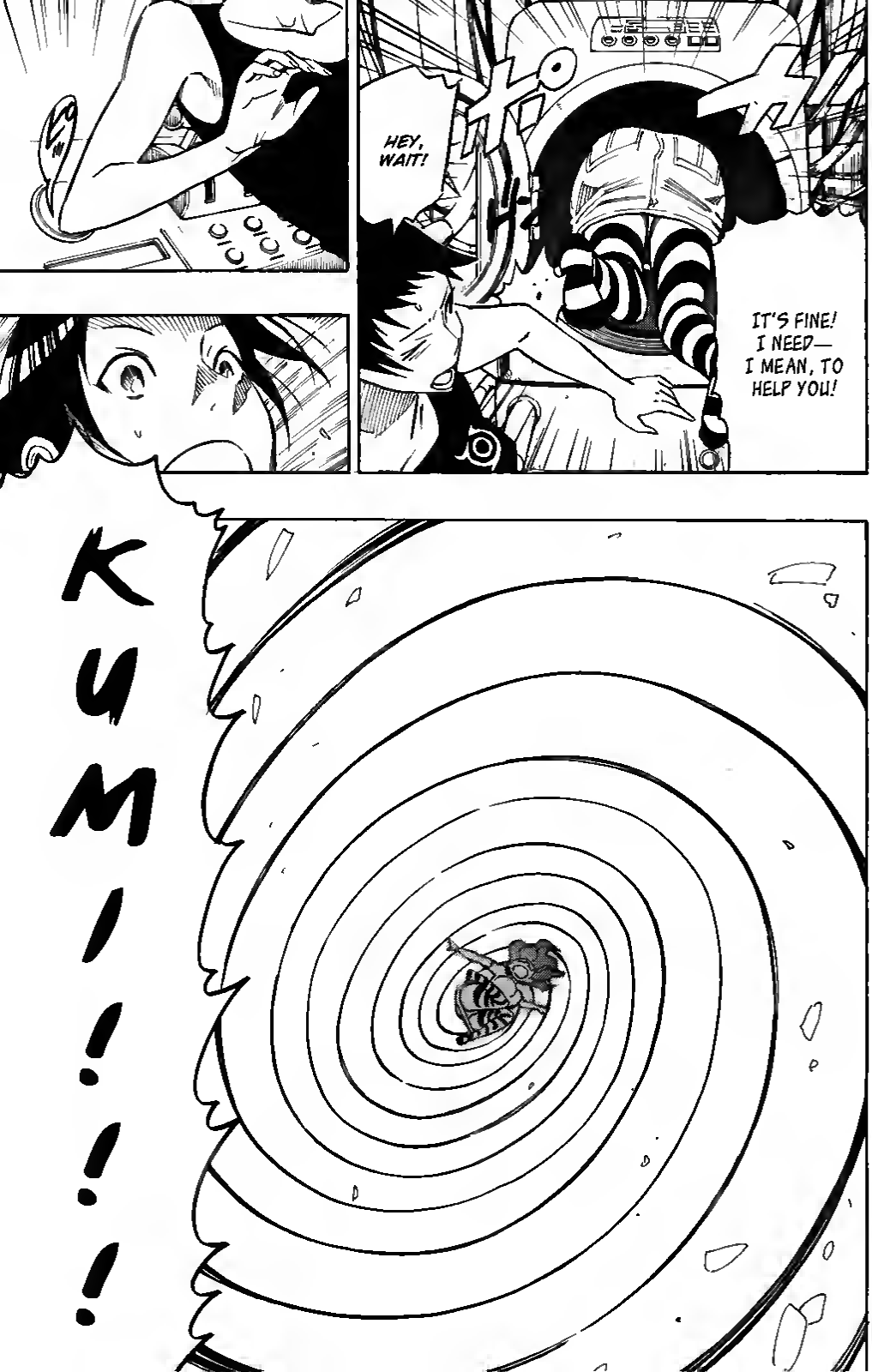
PLEASE LET ME TRY AGAIN!

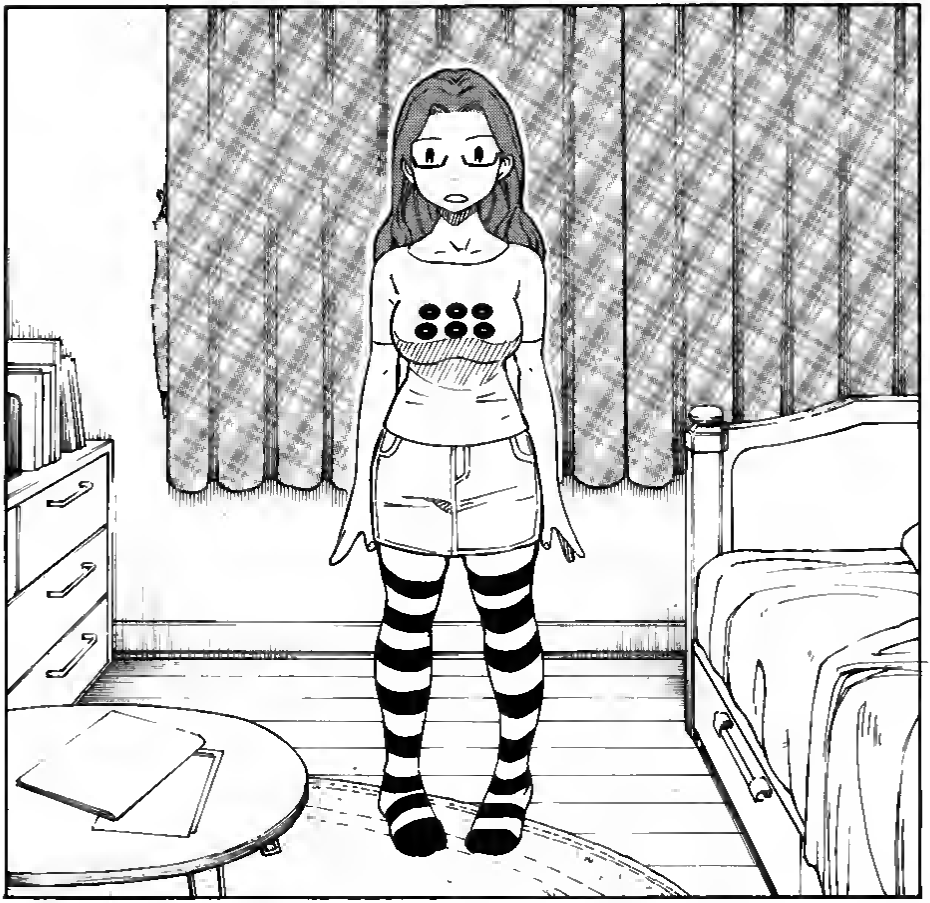

I'LL GO!!
SEND ME BACK!!

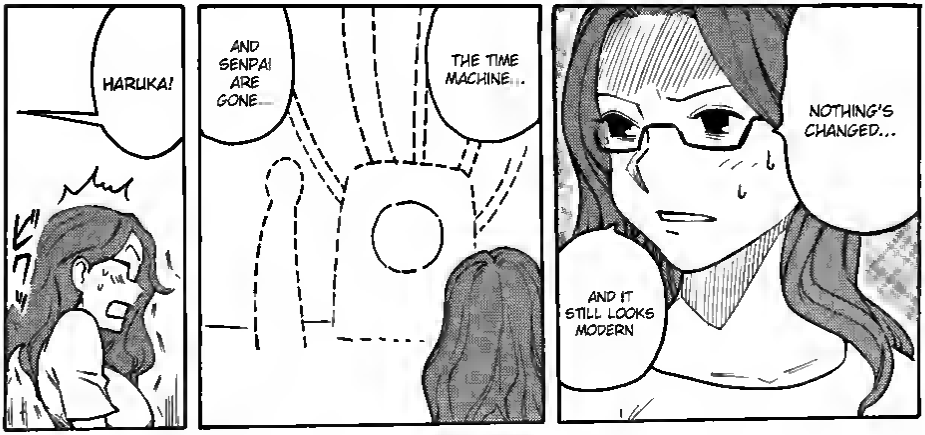

WOW, I'D APPRECIATE THAT. I'M READY TO FIND A GUINEA PIG TO DO THE INITIAL TEST.
SO YOU COULD HELP ME BY GETTING A VIDEO CAMERA, AND FINDING A TEST SUBJECT TO SEND BACK IN TIME.

I CAN'T LET YOU
WITHOUT TESTING IT FIRST, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS

THAT'S ...


HEY, WAIT!
IT'S FINE! I NEED— I MEAN, TO HELP YOU!
KUMI!!!!




HARUKA!
AND SENPAI ARE GONE...
THE TIME MACHINE...
NOTHING'S CHANGED...
AND IT STILL LOOKS MODERN

WHO ARE YOU!?
WHY AREN'T YOU AT SCHOOL?
IS THAT ANY WAY TO SPEAK TO YOUR PARENTS?
?
?
OH! BUT DEAR, WE NEED TO LET HER SPREAD HER WINGS A LITTLE. .
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO SEND HER OFF TO BOARDING SCHOOL!
OKAY!!
DON'T DAWDLE, NOW!!

GOOD MORNING!
OH, HARUKA! HI!
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WHAT'S GOING ON?
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HI THERE...
ARE THEY TALKING TO ME?!
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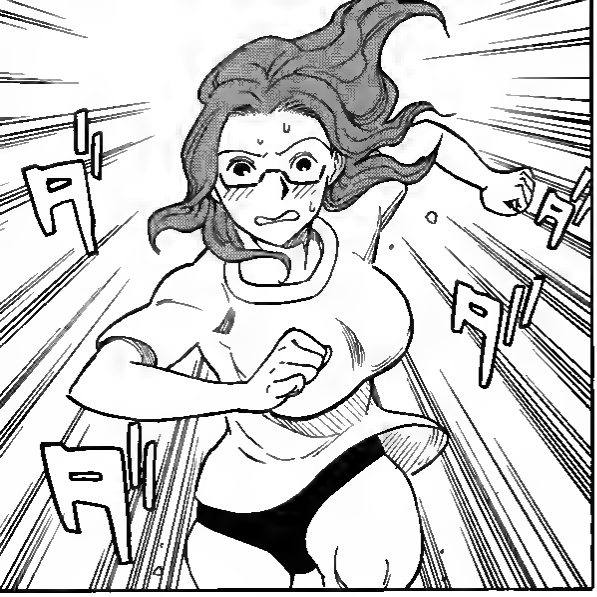
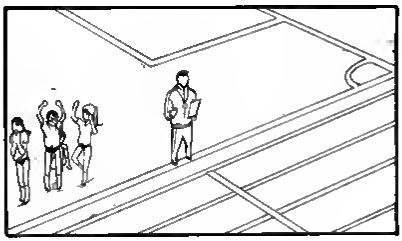
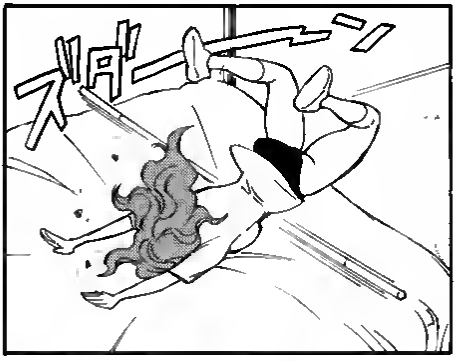
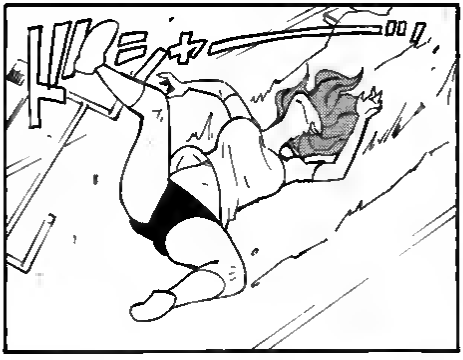
YOU'RE SO POPULAR!
DANG, HARUKA-SAN!
HALF OF THOSE ARE FROM GIRLS!

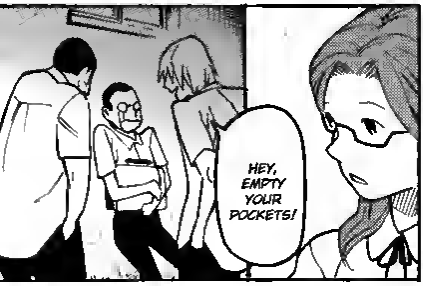




NEXT, TOYAMA!



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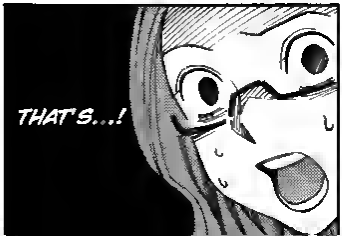
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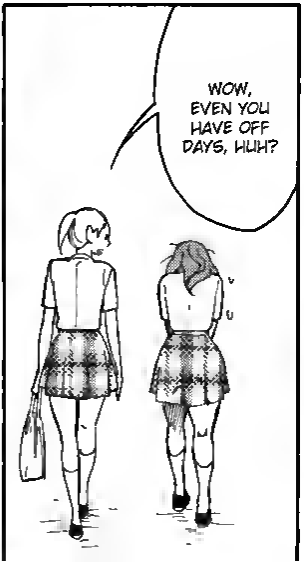
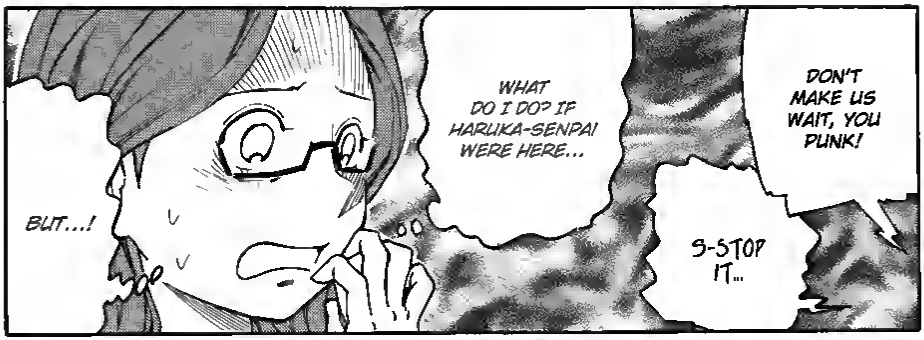
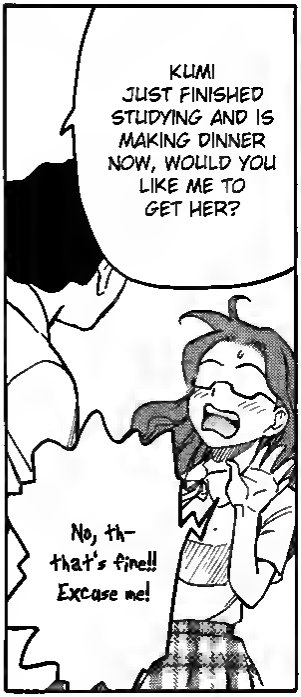
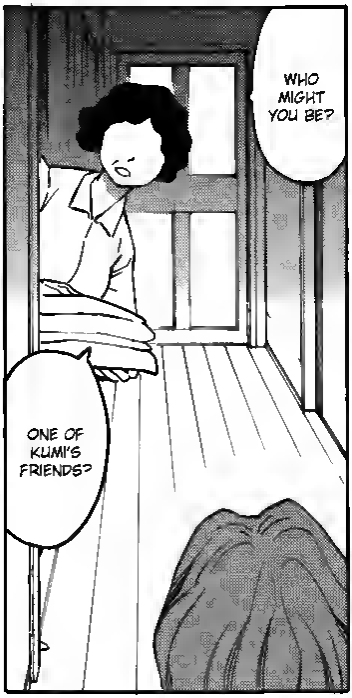

WOW, EVEN YOU HAVE OFF DAYS, HUH?

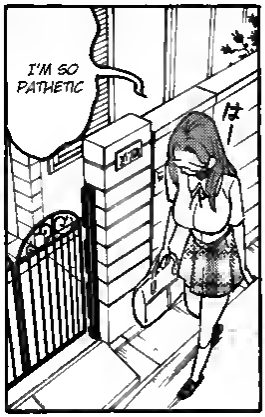
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?

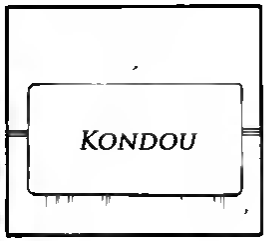

BUT...!
WHAT DO I DO? IF HARUKA-SENPAI WERE HERE...
DON'T MAKE US WAIT, YOU PUNK!
S-STOP IT...

I'M SORRY!
I CAN'T DO IT!!


KUMI JUST FINISHED STUDYING AND IS MAKING DINNER NOW, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GET HER?
No, th- that's fine!! Excuse me!


WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
ONE OF KUMI'S FRIENDS?


I'M SO PATHETIC
HI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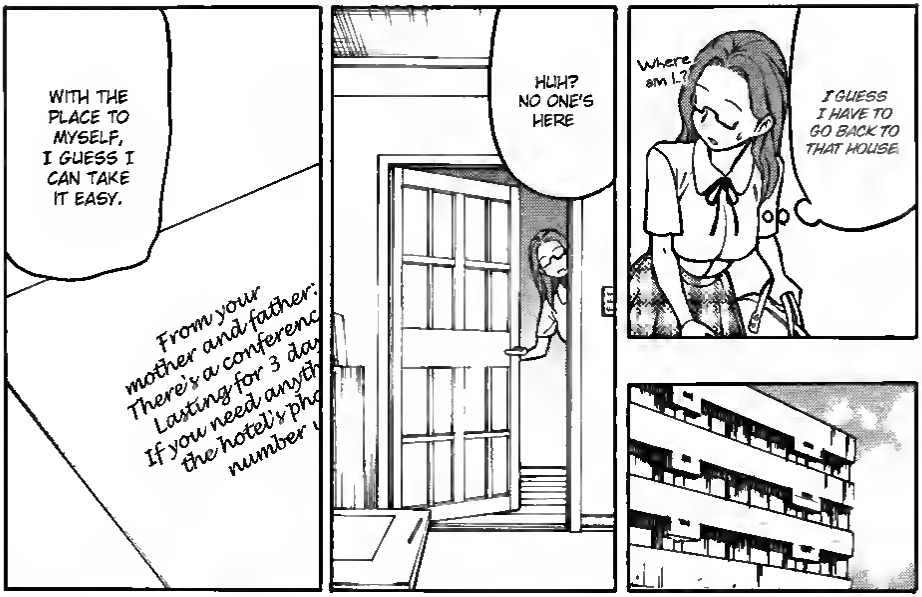
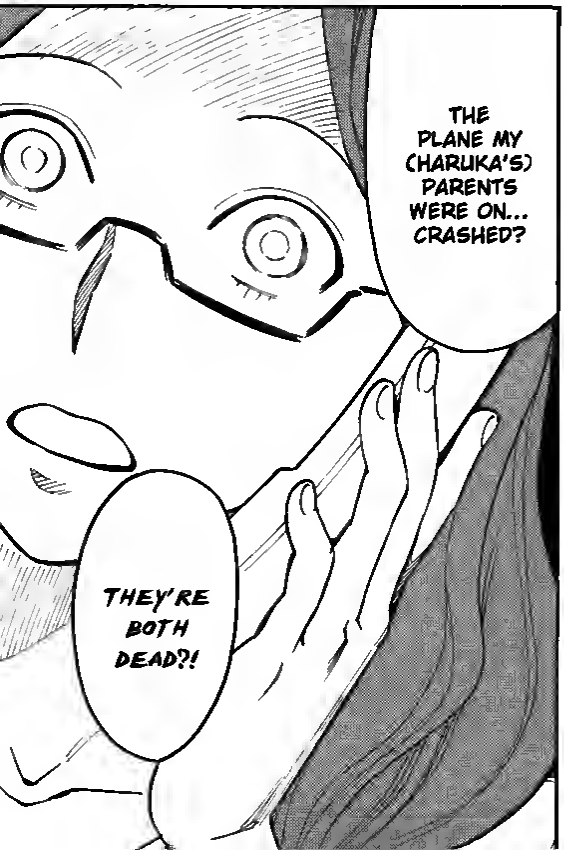
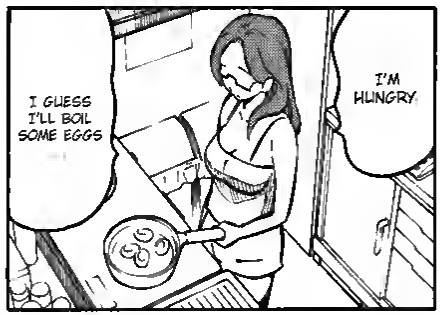
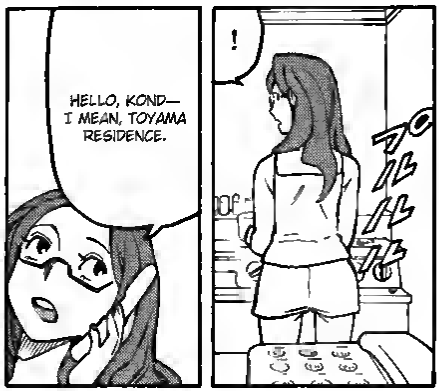

WITH THE PLACE TO MYSELF, I GUESS I CAN TAKE IT EASY.
From your mother and father. There's a conferenc Lasting for 3 day If you need anyth the hotel's pho number
HUH? NO ONE'S HERE
Where am I...?
I GUESS I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THAT HOUSE.


THE PLANE MY (HARUKA'S) PARENTS WERE ON... CRASHED?
THEY'RE BOTH DEAD?!


I GUESS I'LL BOIL SOME EGGS
I'M HUNGRY.


HELLO, KOND— I MEAN, TOYAMA RESIDENCE.
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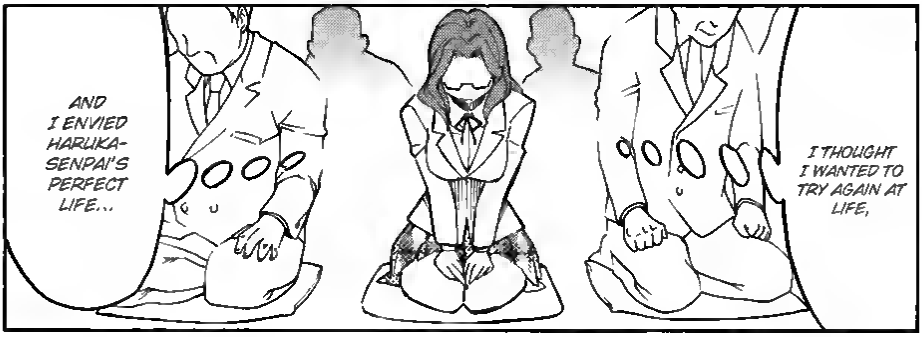
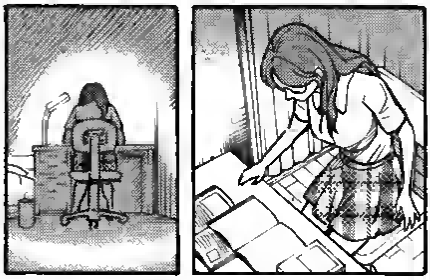
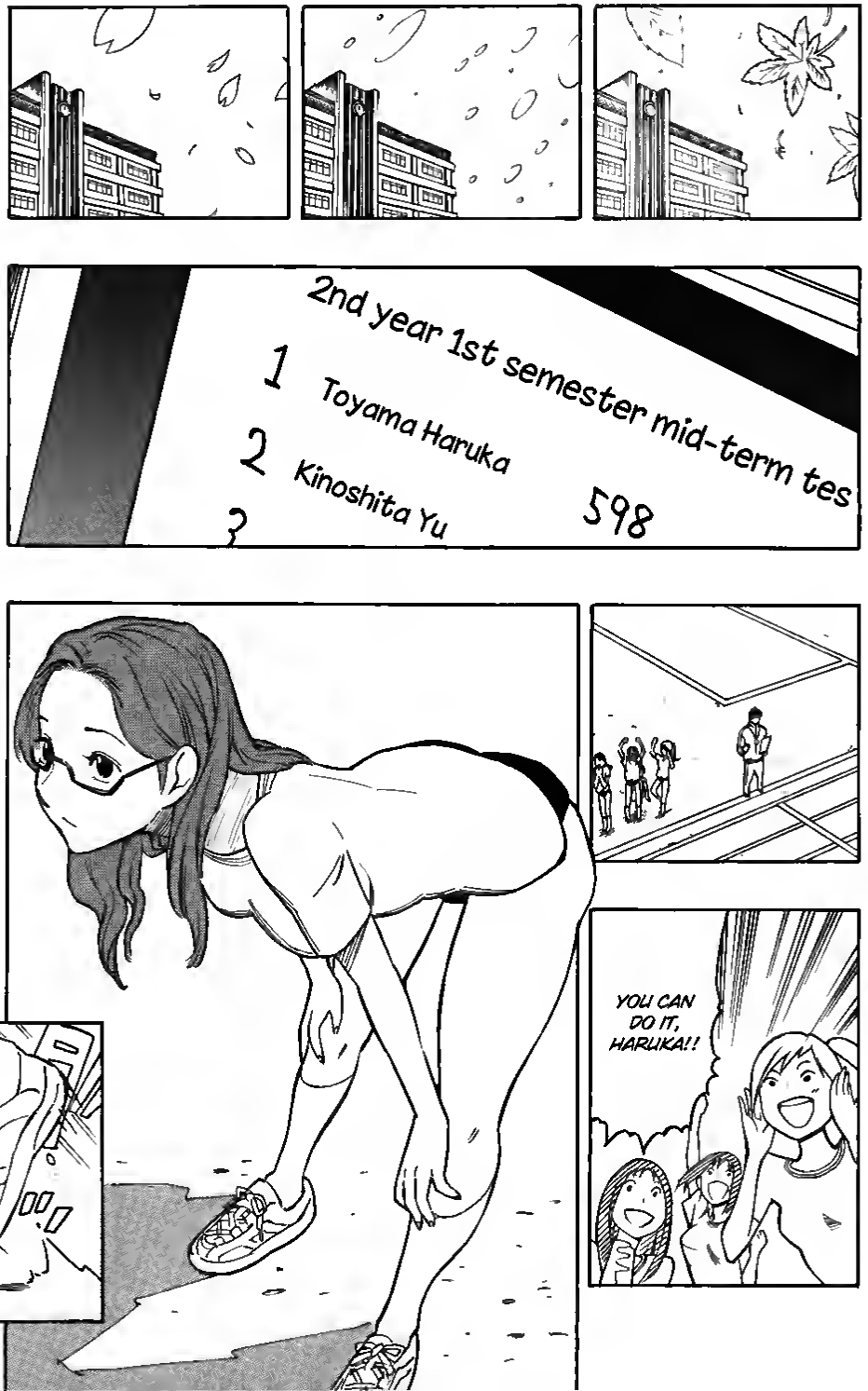

AND I ENVIED HARUKA-SENPAI'S PERFECT LIFE...
I THOUGHT I WANTED TO TRY AGAIN AT LIFE,

I NEED TO TURN MYSELF AROUND,
AND TRY REALLY HARD.
THIS ISN'T ANY GOOD!



BUT THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND AT ALL!
NOW BECAUSE OF ME, HER LIFE IS MESSED UP, TOO...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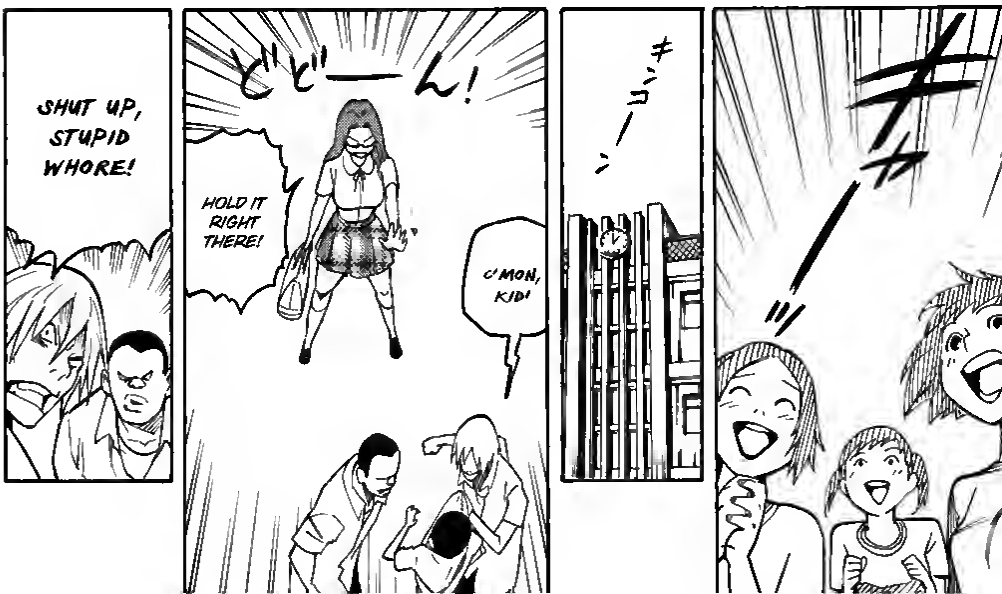
YOU CAN DO IT, HARUKA!!


SHUT UP, STUPID WHORE!
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HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
C'MON, KID!
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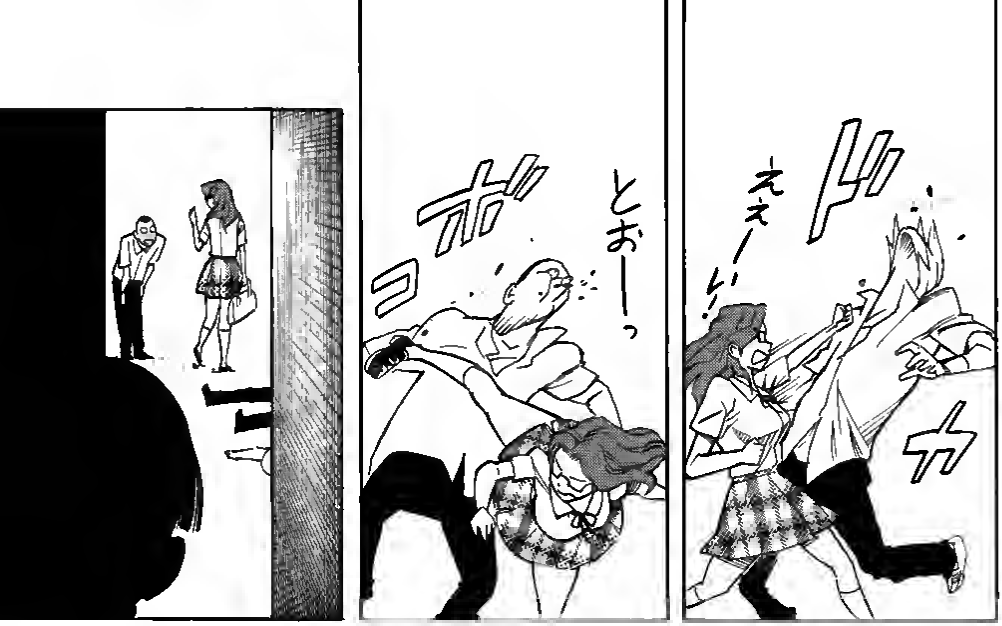
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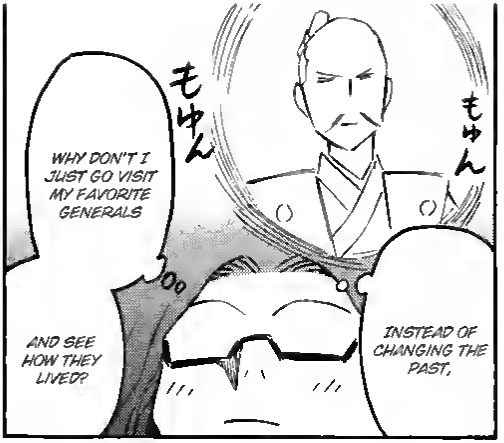
I'VE BEEN BUILDING THIS TIME MACHINE FOR A YEAR NOW AND IT'S ALMOST COMPLETE.
NOW I CAN CHANGE THE PAST!!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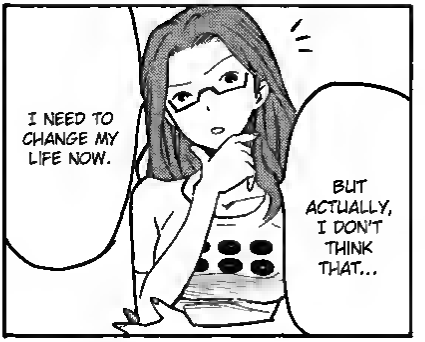
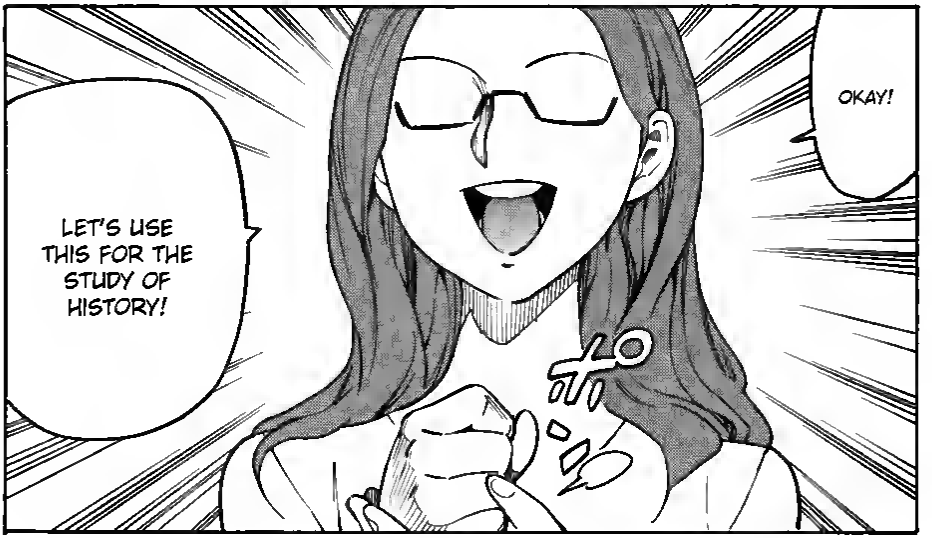
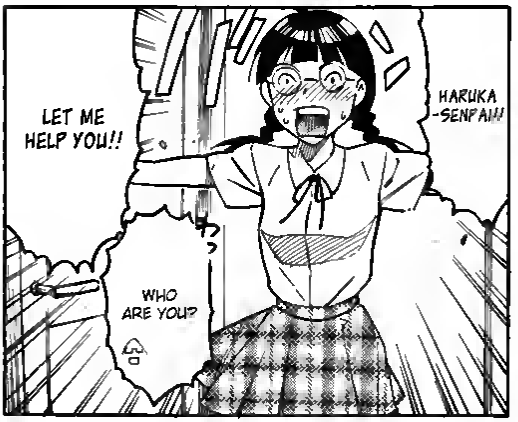
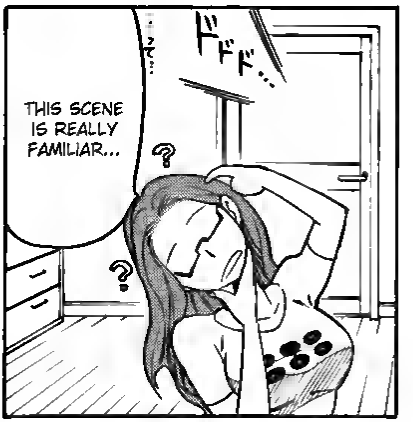
WHY DON'T I JUST GO VISIT MY FAVORITE GENERALS
AND SEE HOW THEY LIVED?
INSTEAD OF CHANGING THE PAST,


I NEED TO CHANGE MY LIFE NOW.
BUT ACTUALLY, I DON'T THINK THAT...


LET'S USE THIS FOR THE STUDY OF HISTORY!
OKAY!


LET ME HELP YOU!!
HARUKA -SENPAI!!
WHO ARE YOU?


THIS SCENE IS REALLY FAMILIAR...
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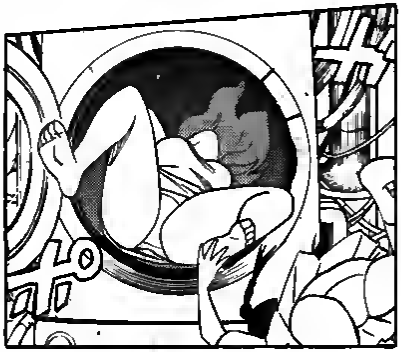
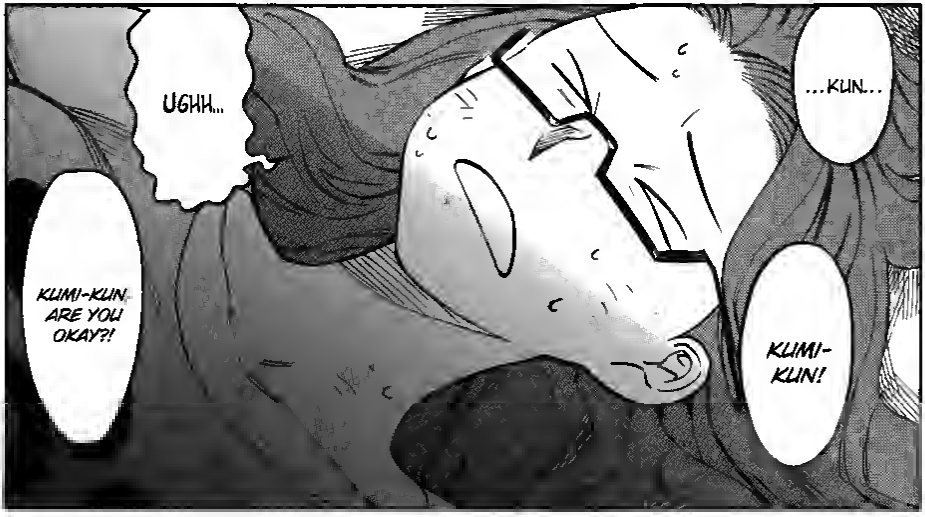
Senpai!!
UWAA!




UGHH...
...KUN...
KUMI-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?!
KUMI-KUN!

HOW WAS IT? DID IT WORK?!
AH, THIS IS..
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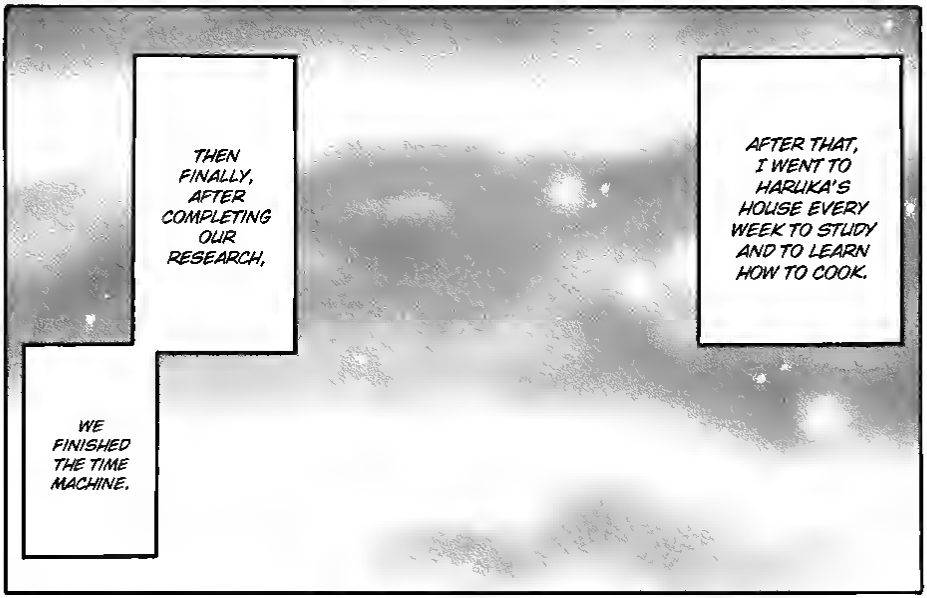
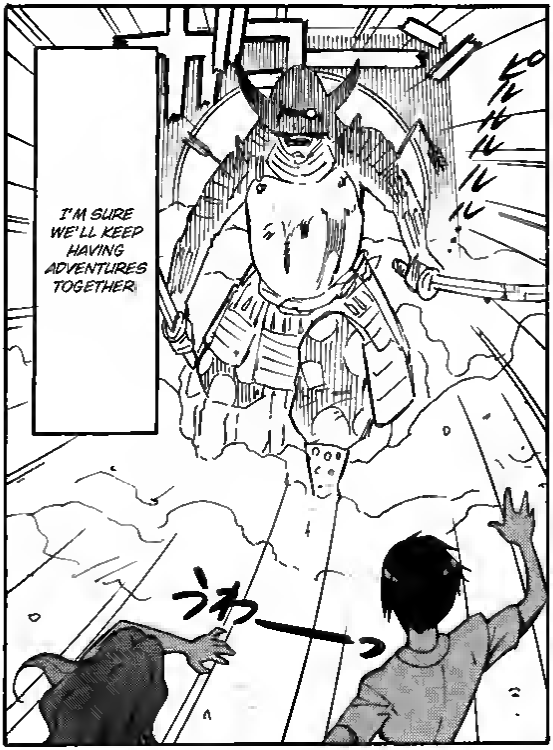
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OKAY.
UHM..
I'M NOT SURE. I THINK I WAS DREAMING.
OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT A TRY THIS TIME!
SENPAI, WAIT!
CAN WE PUT THIS ON HOLD FOR A BIT,
SO YOU CAN TEACH ME HOW TO COOK?
WHAT'S WRONG?


AFTER THAT, I WENT TO HARUKA'S HOUSE EVERY WEEK TO STUDY AND TO LEARN HOW TO COOK.
THEN FINALLY, AFTER COMPLETING OUR RESEARCH,
WE FINISHED THE TIME MACHINE.


I'M SURE WE'LL KEEP HAVING ADVENTURES TOGETHER.
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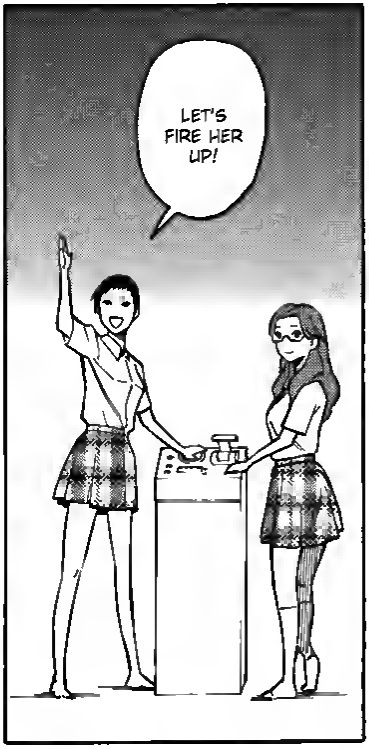
LET'S FIRE HER UP!

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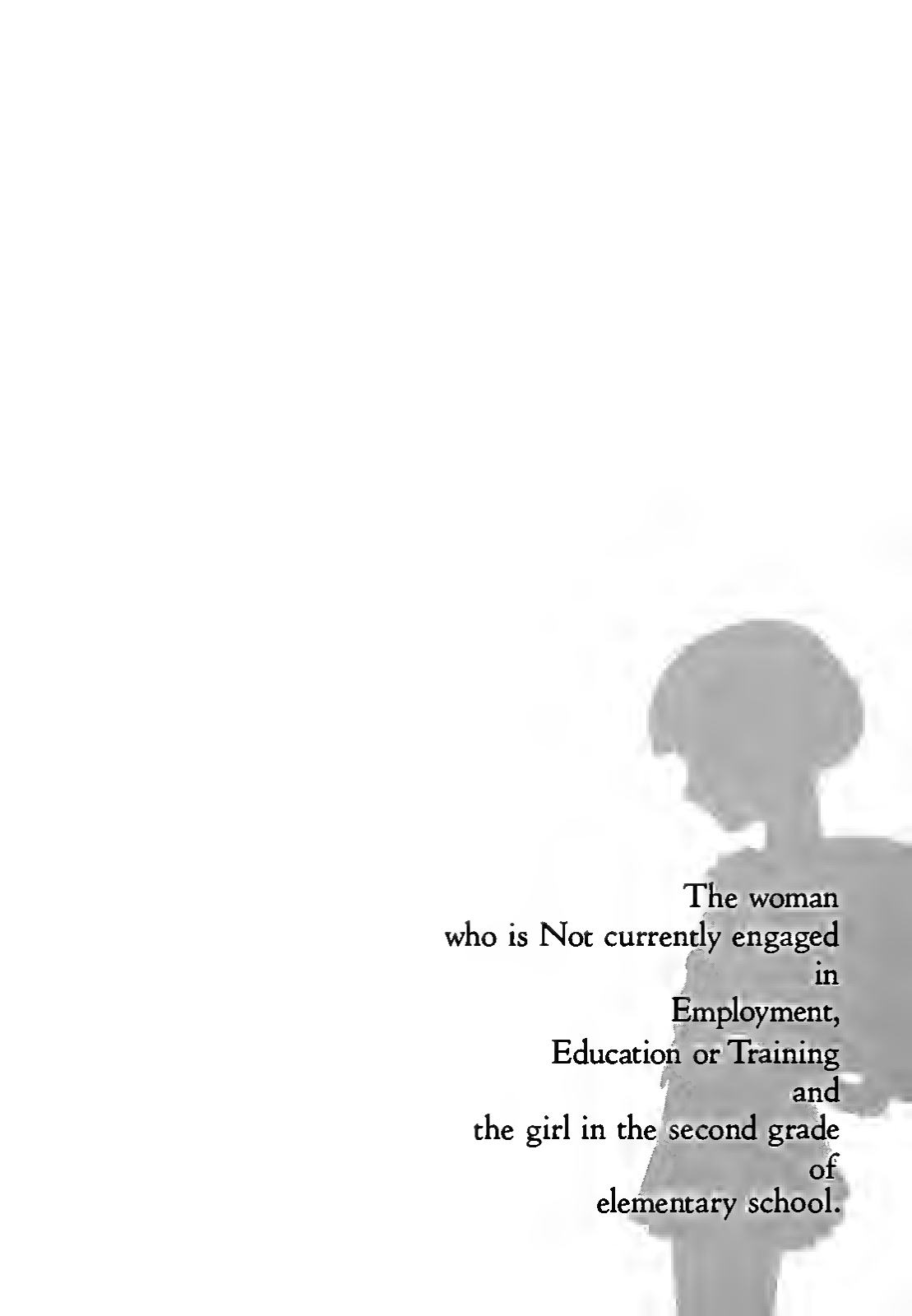

The woman
who is Not currently engaged
in
Employment,
Education or Training
and
the girl in the second grade
of
elementary school.

WILL YOU...
GO OUT WITH ME?

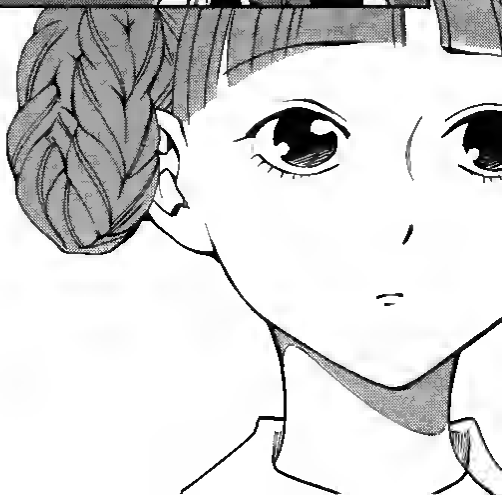
Love Advice
ACHIBANA

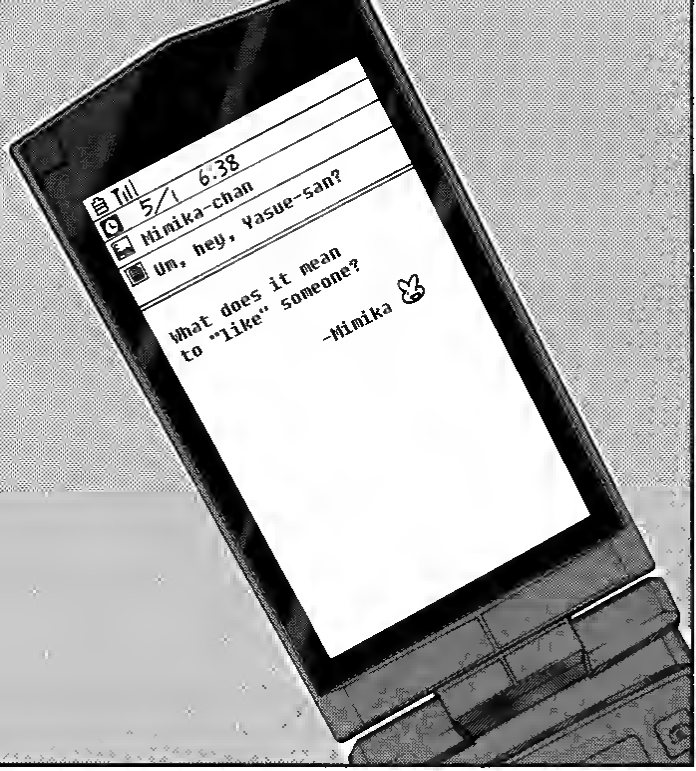
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YES, MIMIKA!?
HOW COULD YOU SAY YOU NEEDED A WEEK TO THINK ABOUT IT?!
WELL,
IT WAS SO SUDDEN,
RIGHT?
BUT HE'S TAKKUN-SENPAI!
TAKKUN-SENPAI?
SUNAGAWA TAKUMI, TAKKUN-SENPAI FOR SHORT!
A TON OF GIRLS JOINED THE SOCCER CLUB AS MANAGERS JUST TO TRY GETTING CLOSER TO HIM!
WOW, MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I TURN HIM DOWN, THEN.
NO, YOU CAN'T!

TO A WOMAN, THAT'S HER WHOLE REASON FOR BEING! DATING A POPULAR GUY LIKE THAT IS ALL WE LIVE FOR!
It's an investment in your future!

What does it mean to like someone, anyway?

How is it different from liking your friends?





I have a friend named Yasue-san,

who is much older than I am.

MIMIKA'S GETTING PHILOSOPHICAL ON ME AGAIN.

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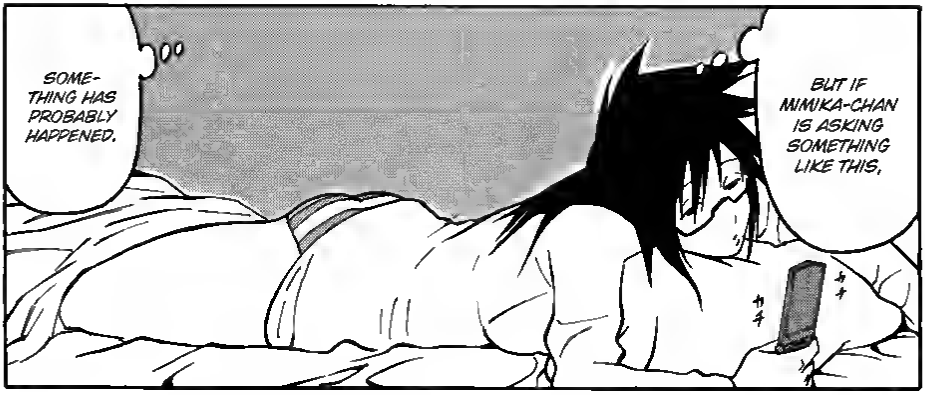
SOME-
THING HAS
PROBABLY
HAPPENED.
BUT IF
MIMIKA-CHAN
IS ASKING
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS,
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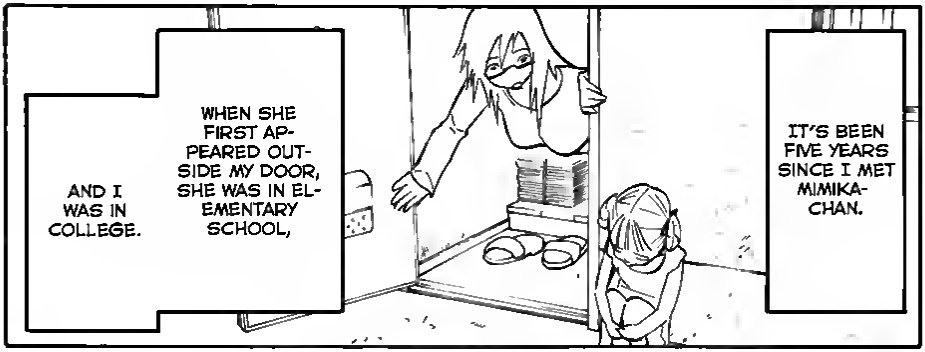
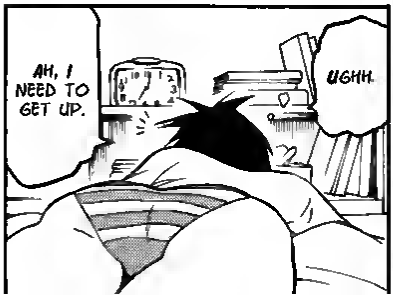
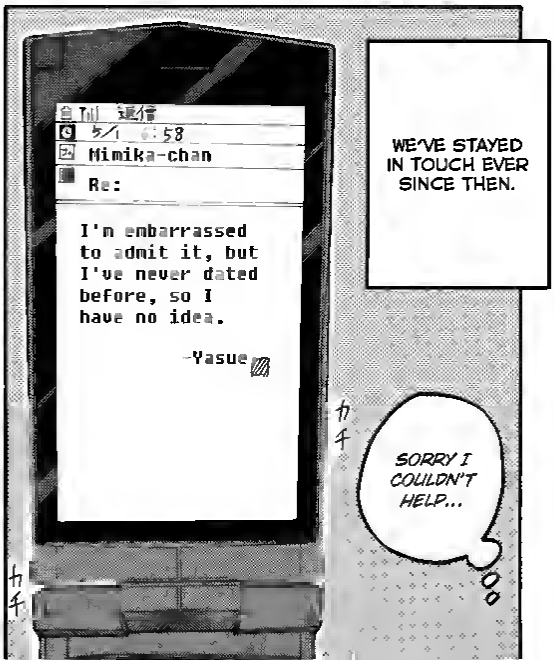

AND I
WAS IN
COLLEGE.
WHEN SHE
FIRST AP-
PEARED OUT-
SIDE MY DOOR,
SHE WAS IN EL-
EMENTARY
SCHOOL,
IT'S BEEN
FIVE YEARS
SINCE I MET
MIMIKA-
CHAN.

MAYBE
PENPALS...
IT MIGHT
BE TOO
MUCH TO
SAY WE'RE
FRIENDS.
Okay,
sent.


AH, I
NEED TO
GET UP.
UGHH.


Mimika-chan
Re:
I'm embarrassed
to admit it, but
I've never dated
before, so I
have no idea.
-Yasue
WE'VE STAYED
IN TOUCH EVER
SINCE THEN.
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SORRY I
COULDN'T
HELP...
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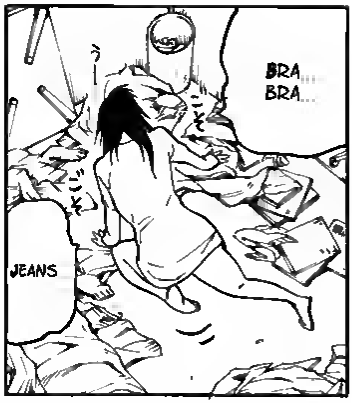
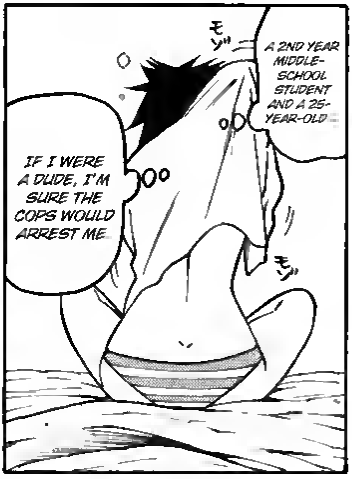
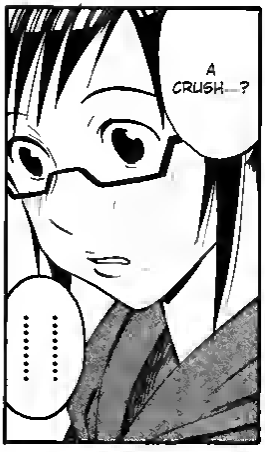

BRA...
BRA...
JEANS


A 2ND YEAR MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENT AND A 25-YEAR-OLD
IF I WERE A DUDE, I'M SURE THE COPS WOULD ARREST ME


A CRUSH...?
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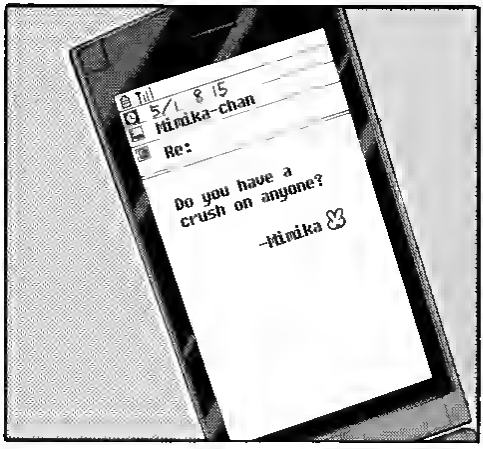
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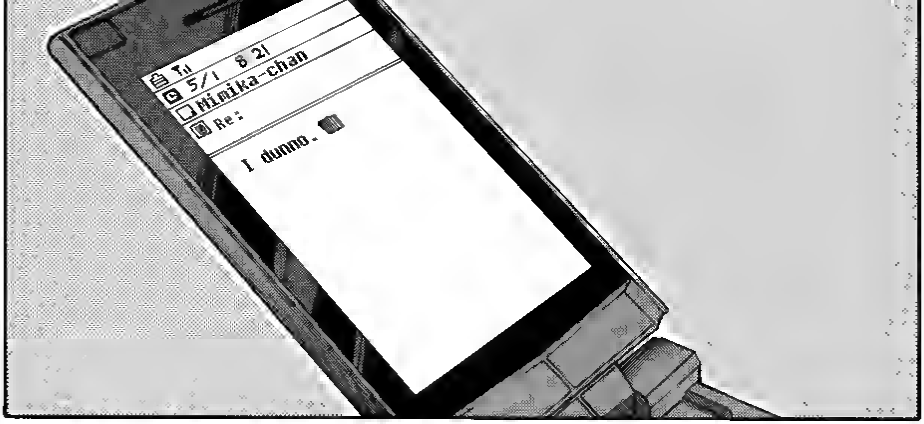
Hinata-chan
Re:
Do you have a crush on anyone?
-Hinata


To
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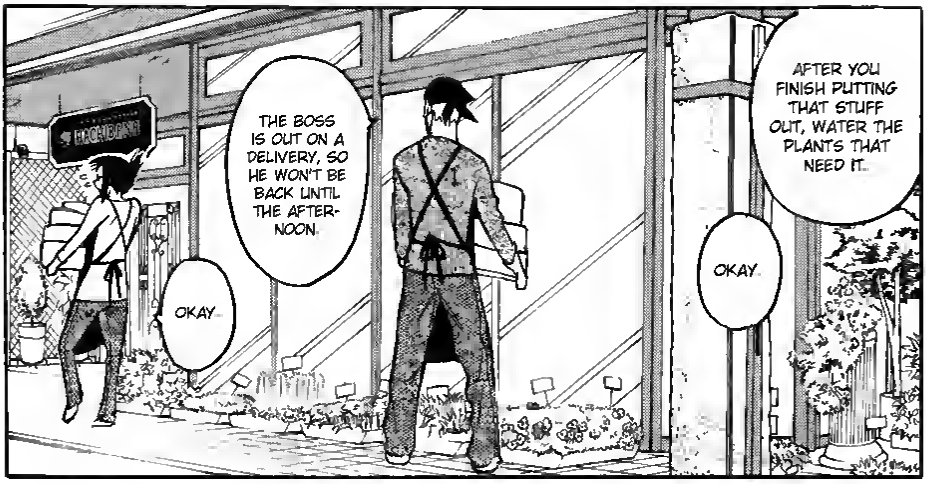
Minika-chan
Re:
I dunno.

FLOWER'S OPEN
HACHIBANA

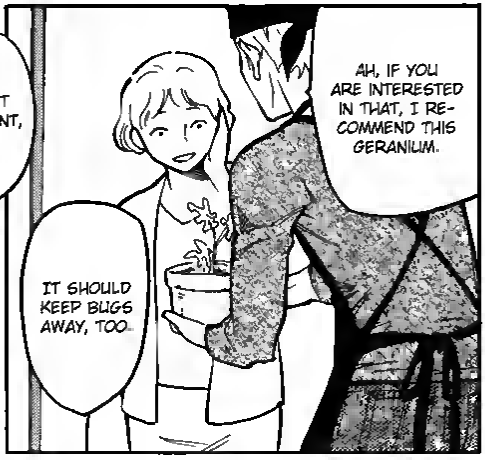
GOOD MORNING, TAKAGI-SAN!
I'LL HELP RIGHT AWAY.
GOOD MORNING, YASUE.
I GOT SOME GOOD FLOWERS TODAY.


HACHIBANA
THE BOSS IS OUT ON A DELIVERY, SO HE WON'T BE BACK UNTIL THE AFTERNOON.
OKAY.
AFTER YOU FINISH PUTTING THAT STUFF OUT, WATER THE PLANTS THAT NEED IT.
OKAY.

EXCUSE ME,
ABOUT THIS...

IT'S ALMOST MOTHER'S DAY, SO WE HAVE BEEN STOCKING UP.
THERE ARE LOTS OF CARNATIONS.
HACHIBANA

I WOULDN'T SUGGEST MINT, THOUGH
BE SURE TO KEEP IT IN THE POT.
ANA

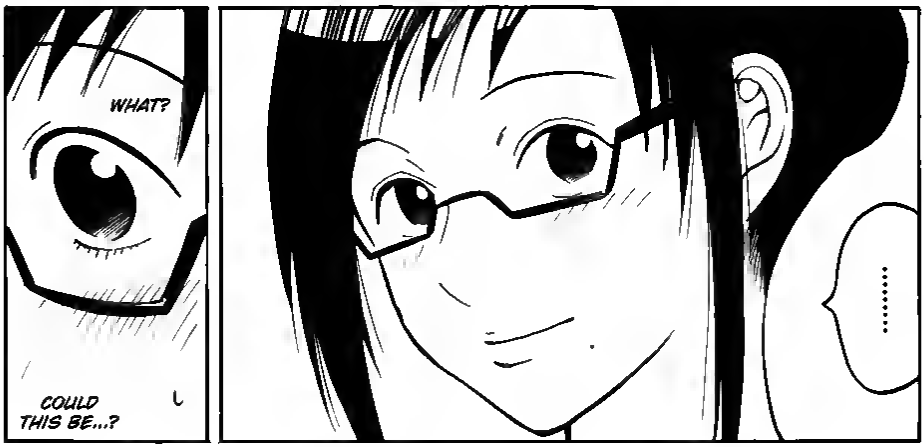

AH, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THAT, I RECOMMEND THIS GERANIUM.
IT SHOULD KEEP BUGS AWAY, TOO.

HACHIBANA
WORKING AT A FLOWER SHOP INVOLVES A LOT OF PHYSICAL LABOR
THERE
WHEN YOU GET A SEC, CAN YOU WORK ON A BOUQUET TO PUT ON DISPLAY?
YES.
YOU'VE IMPROVED.
YOU THINK SO?
IT TURNED OUT PRETTY GOOD.♡
AFTER SOME MORE PRACTICE, YOU CAN MAKE ONE LIKE THIS

SO THIS DAY HAS FINALLY COME
What?!
HACHIBA
WHY DID YOU START WORKING AT A FLOWER SHOP?
YEAH?
UMM...
HACHIBA
JUST KIDDING!
WELL, PLANTS ARE ALIVE, RIGHT?
SO IT'S NOT LIKE OTHER STORES WHERE YOU JUST SET OUT YOUR PRODUCTS
YOU HAVE TO PUT THEM OUT SO THEY CAN GROW AND THRIVE, AND GIVE THEM CARE AND WATER.
HACHIBA
HACHIBA
BUT IT'S A LITTLE DISCOURAGING WHEN THEY DON'T SELL...
IT'S A REALLY GOOD FEELING WHEN A PLANT THAT YOU'VE WORKED HARD TO RAISE, SELLS
HACHIBA

I GUESS I LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF TAKING CARE OF LIVING THINGS.
I THINK THAT'S IT.

HAHA, SO REALLY, I SHOULD'VE BEEN A FARMER, RIGHT?
Wa ha ha ha
WELL, MY PARENTS ALSO RAN A FLOWER SHOP, SO THAT WAS PROBABLY A FACTOR, TOO.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WHAT?
COULD THIS BE...?

TAKKUN PROPOSED TO HER!
LOOK AT THAT GIRL...
THE 2ND YEAR...
WOW...
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HURRY UP AND ANSWER HIM!
WHAT A SHOCK!
SHE SEEMS PLAIN.
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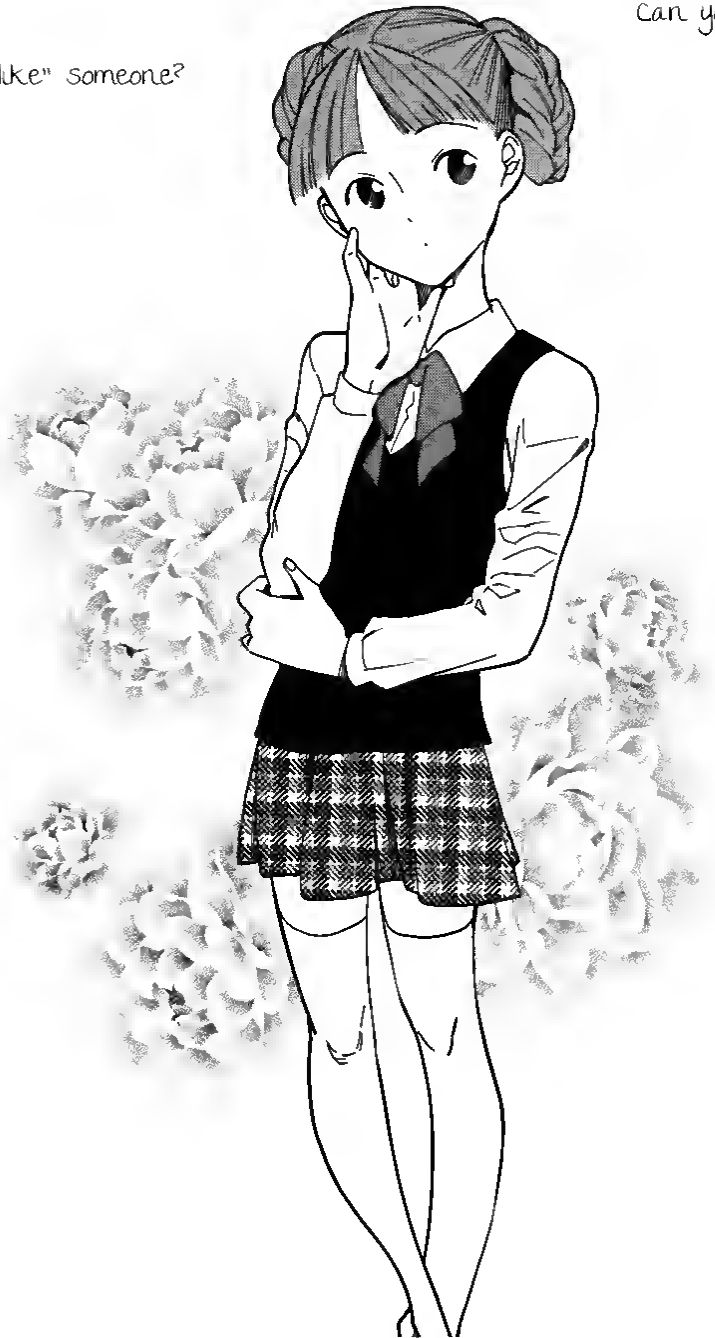
MMM MM...

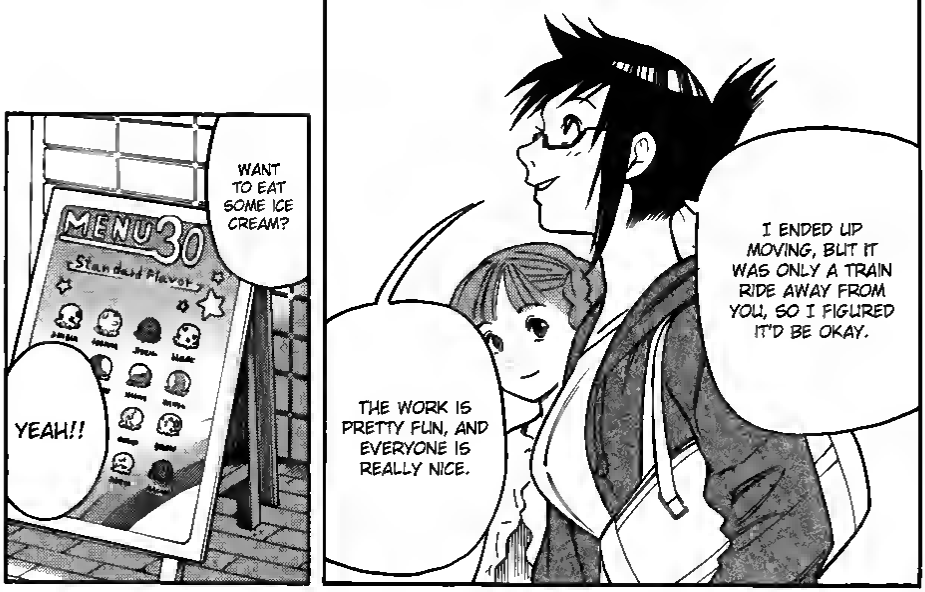
COULD THIS BE...
HACHIBANA
WHAT IT FEELS TO
"LIKE" SOMEONE?

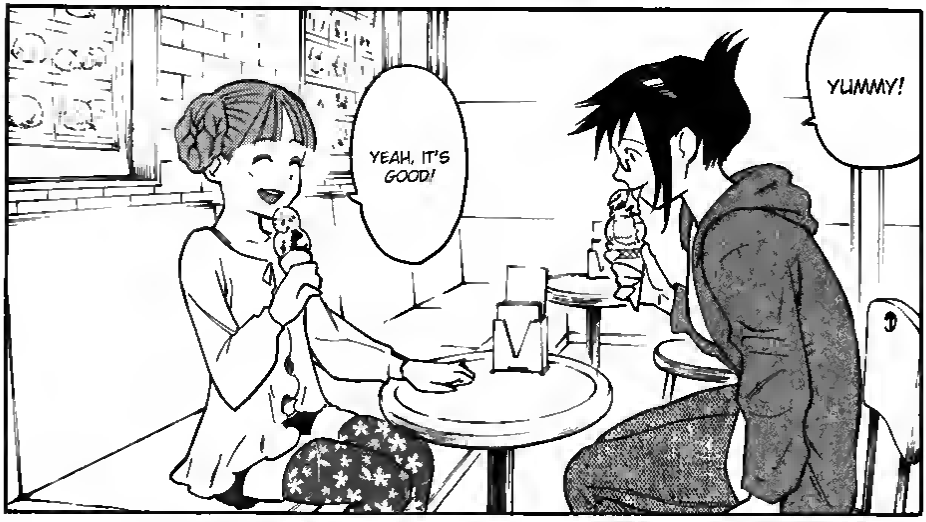
Can you learn to

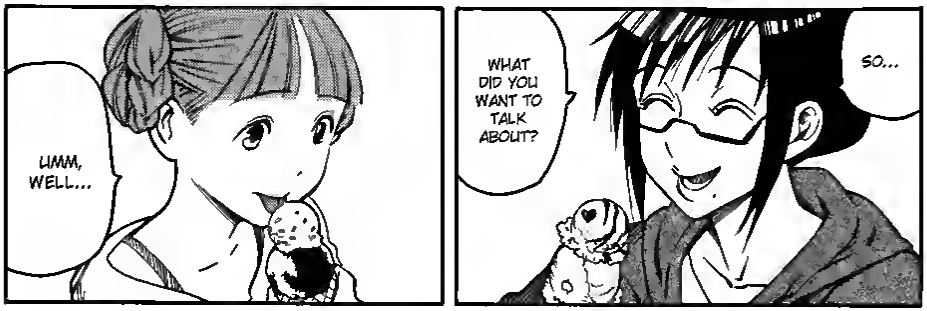
"like" someone?



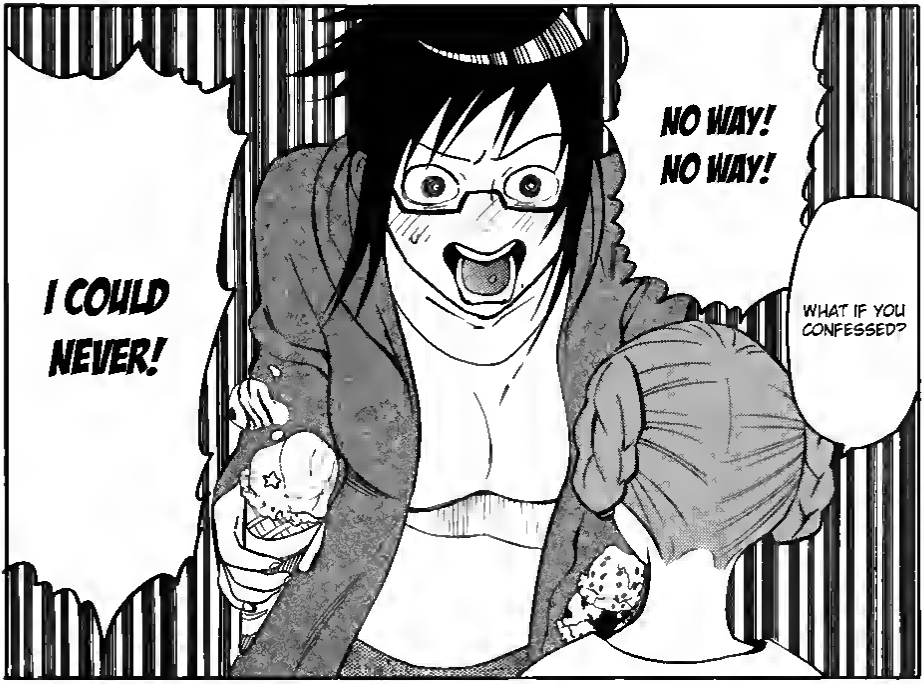
YASUE-SAN!
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
YASUE-SAN, YOU'RE WORKING AT A FLOWER SHOP, RIGHT?
YEAH, A RELATIVE INTRODUCED ME
HOW'S SCHOOL GOING?
IT'S FINE


I ENDED UP MOVING, BUT IT WAS ONLY A TRAIN RIDE AWAY FROM YOU, SO I FIGURED IT'D BE OKAY.
THE WORK IS PRETTY FUN, AND EVERYONE IS REALLY NICE.
WANT TO EAT SOME ICE CREAM?
MENU 30
Standard Flavors
YEAH!!


YUMMY!
YEAH, IT'S GOOD!


SO...
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
UMM, WELL...

A-A-A CRUSH?!? DID I SAY THAT?!
THE WAY YOU SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW MADE IT SEEM LIKE YOU DID.
DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON ANYONE?
I DON'T THINK HE HATES ME... AND HE DOESN'T ACT LIKE HE'S DISGUSTED BY ME, EITHER.
I WOULDN'T SAY HE REALLY LIKES ME, THOUGH, SO I GUESS HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME AT ALL?
WHAT DOES HE THINK ABOUT YOU?
SOMEONE AT WORK?
ERR, I DIDN'T...
UHH... I MEAN...


NO WAY! NO WAY!
I COULD NEVER!
WHAT IF YOU CONFESSED?

AND WHAT IF HE SAID NO? I'D BE CRUSHED, AND THEN WORK WOULD BE AWKWARD... I'M HAPPY JUST WATCHING HIM FROM A DIS-TANCE...
CONFESSING OR SAYING YOU LOVE SOMEONE OR...
JUST IMAGINING THAT MAKES MY HEART FEEL LIKE IT'LL EXPLODE!

そっ…
ムラ
DIDN'T YOU HAD SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?
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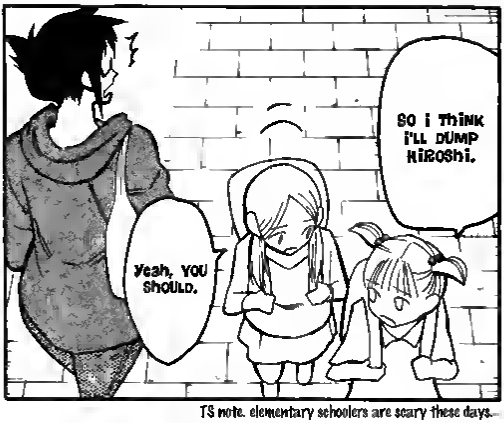
HMM, I GUESS SO...
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT I SHOULD SAY...
I can't even imagine this turn of events!
THAT WEEK ENDS TOMORROW...
SO TAKKUN CONFESSED TO ME AND I TOLD HIM TO WAIT A WEEK



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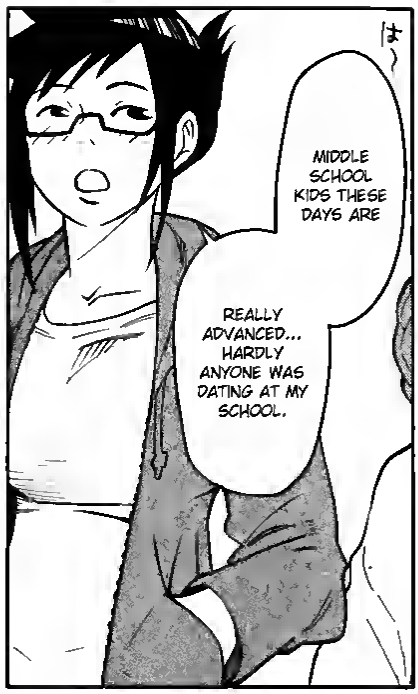
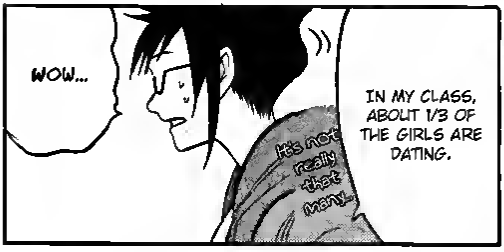
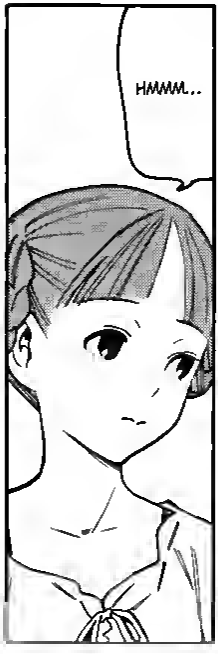
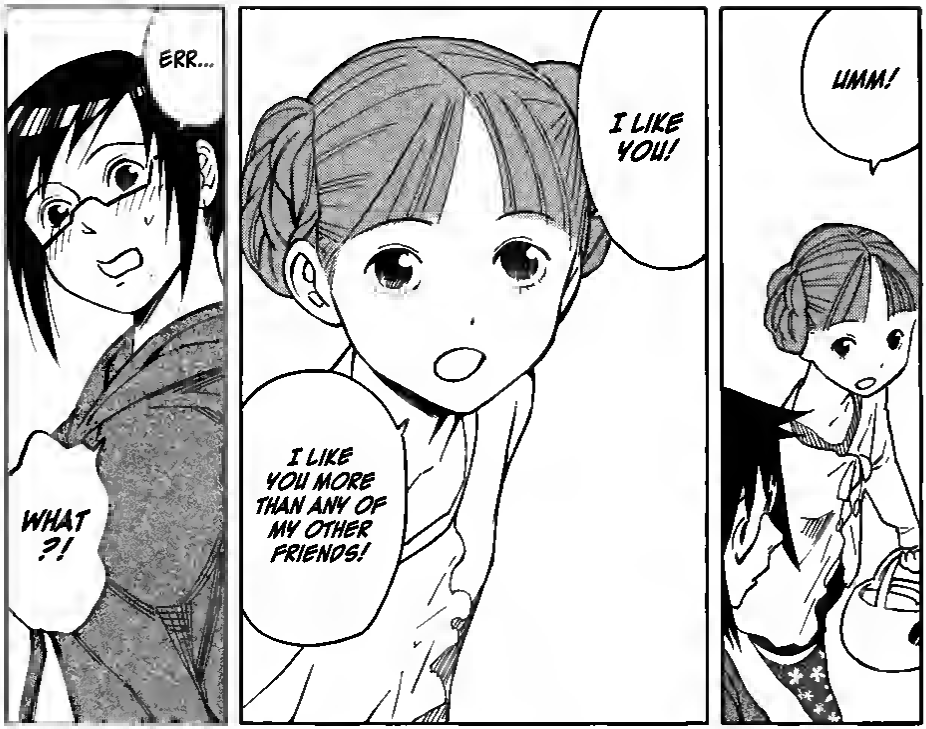






Well, what if you said yes?
They say you should be careful about throwing yourself out there, but...
Maybe if you learn more about him, you'll find parts that you like.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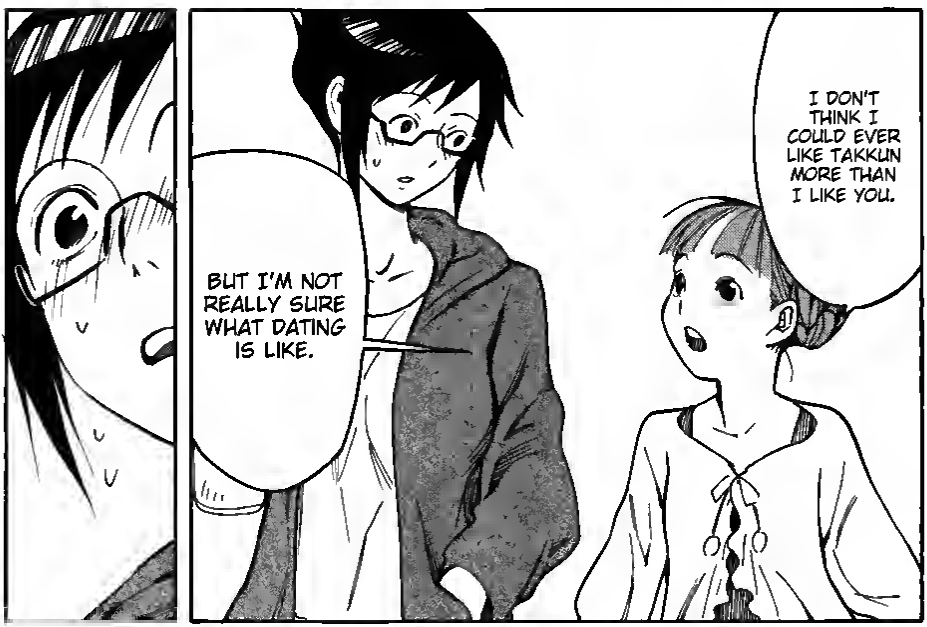
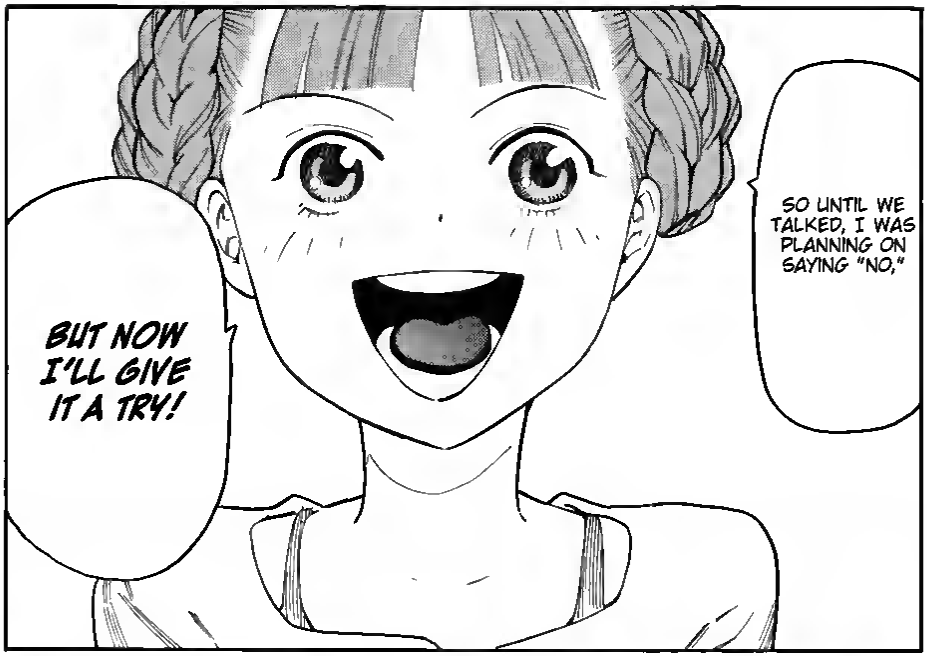
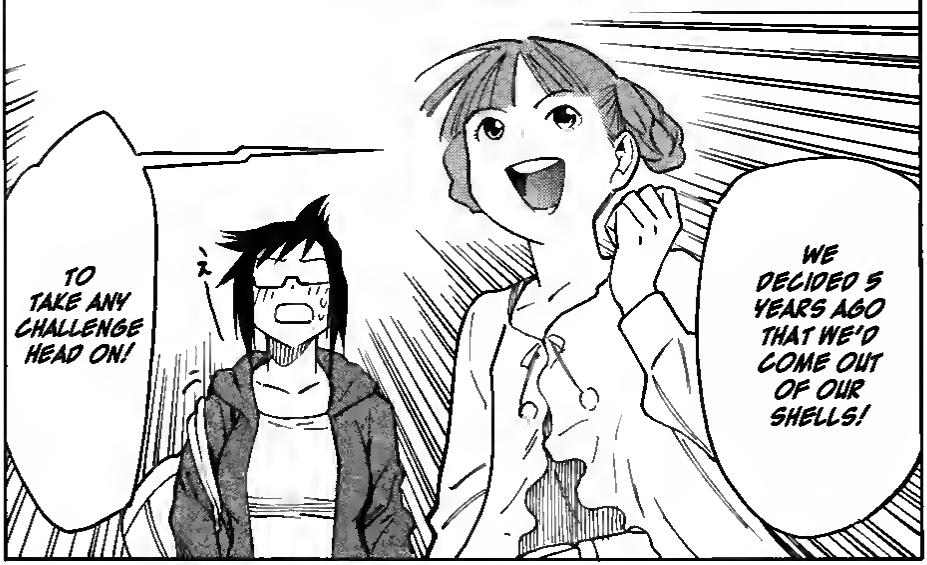
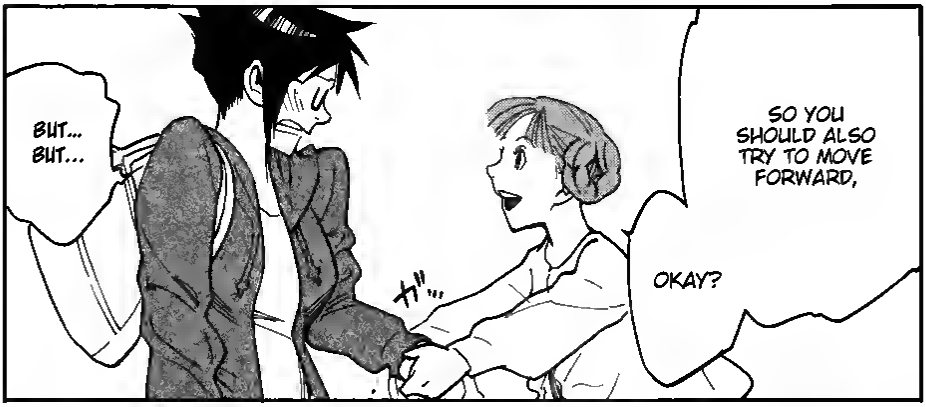
WHAT ?!
I LIKE YOU!
I LIKE YOU MORE THAN ANY OF MY OTHER FRIENDS!
UMM!


BUT I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT DATING IS LIKE.
I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER LIKE TAKKUN MORE THAN I LIKE YOU.


SO UNTIL WE TALKED, I WAS PLANNING ON SAYING "NO,"
BUT NOW I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!

...WHAT?


WE DECIDED 5 YEARS AGO THAT WE'D COME OUT OF OUR SHELLS!
TO TAKE ANY CHALLENGE HEAD ON!


SO YOU SHOULD ALSO TRY TO MOVE FORWARD,
OKAY?
BUT... BUT...

IT'LL BE OKAY!
EVEN IF YOU FAIL, YOU'VE SUCCEEDED!

AND WE WON'T STOP BEING FRIENDS!

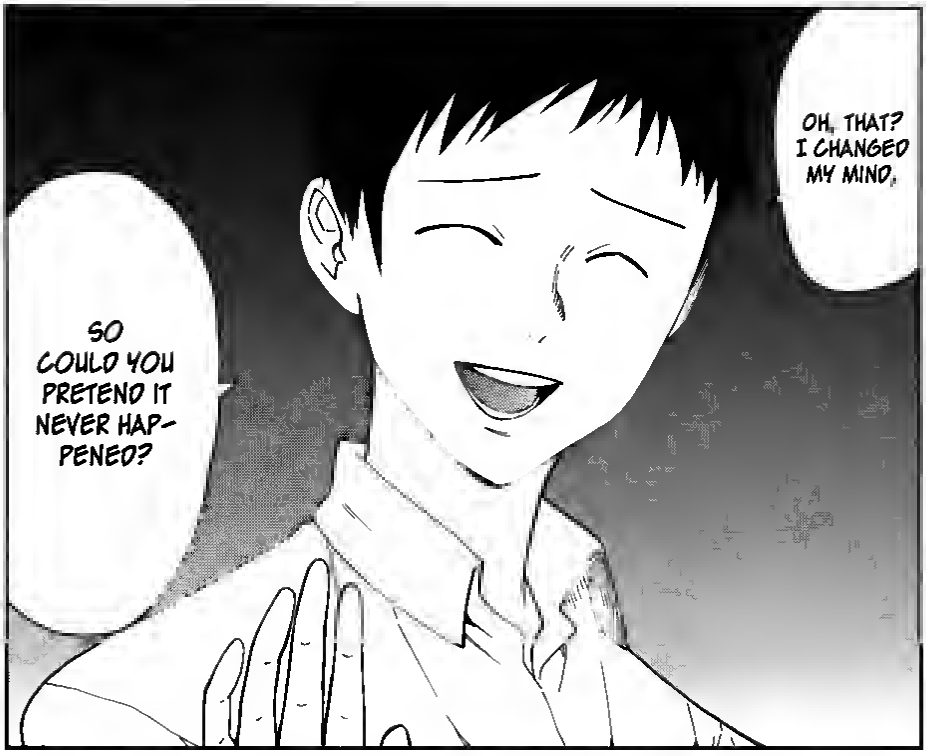
WHEN I'M SLIPPING BACKWARDS...
MIMIKA-CHAN ALWAYS HELPS TURN ME AROUND.
THANK YOU, MIMIKA-CHAN.
GOOD!
BE BRAVE.
I'LL TRY TO...

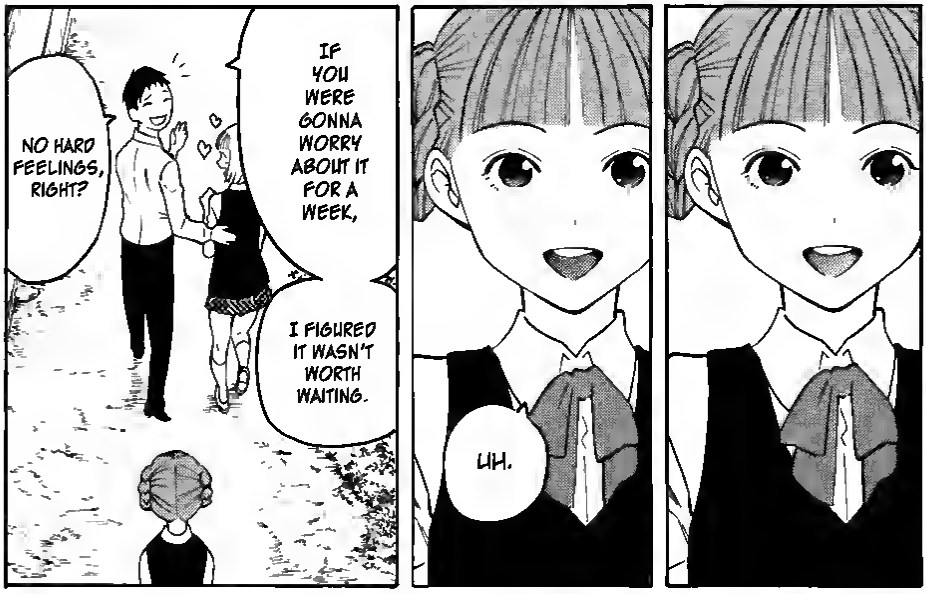
LIFE

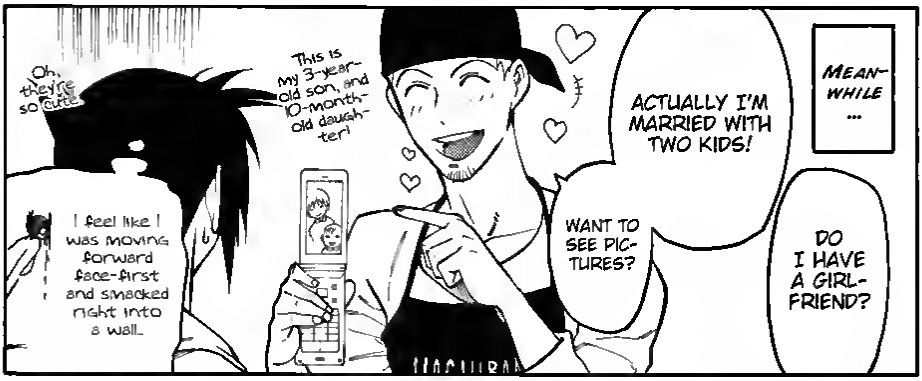
IF YOU'RE LOOKING BACKWARDS OR KEEPING YOUR HEAD DOWN, YOU CAN'T PROGRESS.

IS ALSO MOVING FORWARD.

So I'll try to be brave.
And move ahead!
Umm... Sunagawa-senpai?
About what you said earlier...


OH, THAT? I CHANGED MY MIND.
SO COULD YOU PRETEND IT NEVER HAP-PENED?


NO HARD FEELINGS, RIGHT?
IF YOU WERE GONNA WORRY ABOUT IT FOR A WEEK,
I FIGURED IT WASN'T WORTH WAITING.
UH.


Oh, they're so cute
This is my 3-year-old son and 10-month-old daughter!
I feel like I was moving forward face-first and smacked right into a wall.
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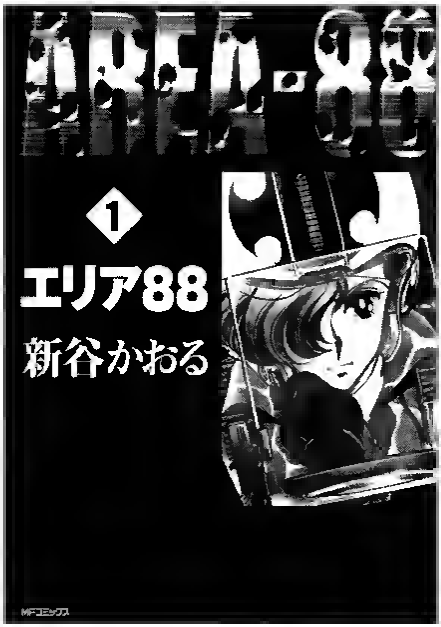

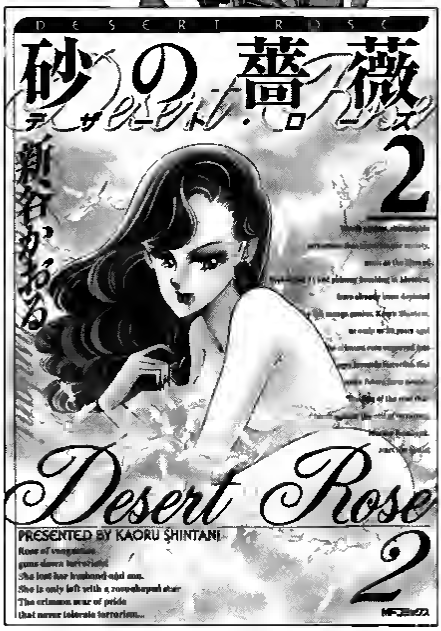

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